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"The foundation of every State is the education of its youth."—Dionysius.

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INVESTMENTS

A Paper Read by Mr. Oscar H. Regensburg before the Alumni Association of the Jacksonville, Illinois, School for the Deaf, at its Meeting, June 12, 1908.

WE are assembled today within these classic walls which, as the poet says, "cling to memory dear." It was here that we first opened our eyes to the light of education and learned the truths of the Bible. It was here that we formed the first and lasting friendships of our childhood. It was here that we built so many castles in far-away Spain and it was here that, as we grew in years, we were prepared to fight the battles of life. It is peculiarly fitting, therefore, and truly the goodness of the Almighty that we should again assemble, not this time as little children, but as "children of a larger growth," anxious to learn anew the real meaning of the Golden Rule, of Faith, Hope and Charity, for these are all symbolized in the Home that we are prepared to build for our aged and helpless fellow deaf. We rejoice to-day for the Home has passed beyond the "project" stage of its existence. It is no longer a project, but a plan—a well considered and partially accomplished plan. It is no longer a sentimental, unreachable, utopian, long-whiskered idea. It is no longer an iridescent dream, but a closely calculated business enterprise of our own, based upon figures of arithmetic and not upon figures of rhetoric, and promoted by ourselves as philanthropists who have the courage of our convictions. This is a project of the deaf, for the deaf and by the deaf. The time has passed when we ourselves were looked upon as objects of charity and of pity, incapable of even governing ourselves, depending upon our fathers and mothers for bread and upon the public for spending money to amuse ourselves withal. As some one said, we once were only half removed from the idiotic, the feeble-minded and the insane, and it required legislation by ourselves to get the state governments to dispel this illusion.

This is our first introduction into politics, and when it becomes known that we are factors in politics, we will be able to correct other abuses concerning ourselves as a class and set the deaf on a higher plane before the public. We cannot accomplish this in a single day. We must, moreover, act together. It is for us to consider ourselves like the postage stamp. Its everlasting quality is its "stick-to-it-iveness." It is for us to stick together until we, like the stamp, "get there." That is the only way we can build the Home, advance the interest of the Combined System of instructing the deaf and correct erroneous public opinion concerning ourselves as a class. Talleyrand said, "If it is possible, it is done already; if it is impossible, you will see that it is done." You can apply Talleyrand's motto, for example, to our Home project. You can do it, others have done it. We have New York,

Pennsylvania and Ohio for examples. I am reminded of a father training his son for the trapeze. The boy made three or four rather ineffectual attempts to get over the bar. Then the father was heard to suggest, "John, if you will throw your heart over the bar, your body will follow." And so it is with you.



OSCAR H. REGENSBURG,
Who delivered the Address before the Illinois
Alumni Association.

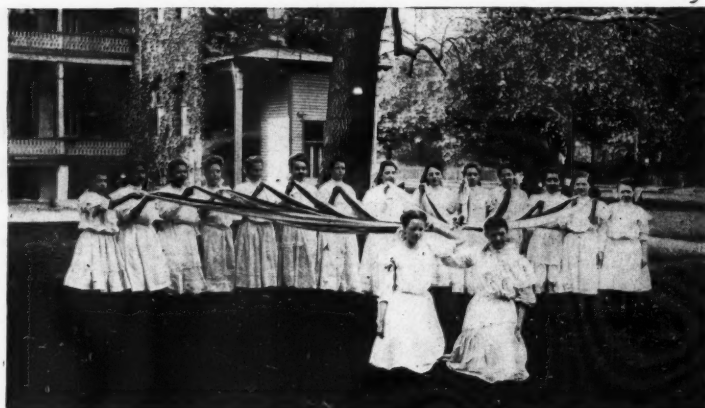
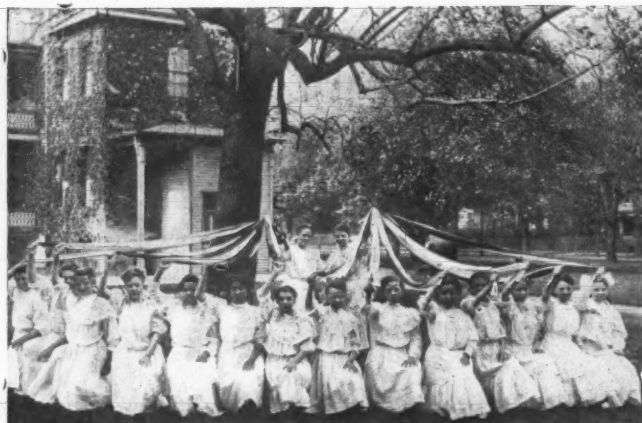
If you throw your heart on the Home project, we will surely have the Home. And so is it with any laudable purpose we may have.

As an example of the union and untried power which the deaf can exert, let me tell you of what Mr. W. L. Hill, of Athol, Mass., did. Would that there were more that bore the "guinea stamp." Mr. Hill, to resent an old slur of General Butler, was able to contribute largely to the political defeat of that demagogue for the gubernatorial office through the influence of his paper, the *Athol Transcript*. Butler earned the sobriquet of "Beast" during the Civil war for unusual severity, and later while a member of Congress stubbornly opposed every aid to Gallaudet College, saying that "a deaf man was only half-a-man." Mr. Hill, so the story goes, once sent up his card to the General and there never was a man more thoroughly surprised than the General when he read "Half-a-man wants to see Beast Butler." Lest it be said that in

Illinois a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, let me mention worthy examples near home. In our own fair state one of the former pupils of our beloved *Alma Mater*, William G. Brasher, ran early last year for the position of city tax collector for Rock Island and was elected by a large plurality. As in the election of the United States Senate from Oklahoma, this is an indication of how much higher in esteem the deaf and blind are now being held. If Mr. Brasher had been a product of the McCowan Oral School instead of this Institution it would have been considered a *coup d'etat* and the news would have been megaphoned from one end of the earth to the other as a triumph of pure-oralism. Dr. G. T. Dougherty, of Chicago, while eschewing politics and newspaper notoriety, has quietly and almost single-handed created a better era of understanding of the deaf in Chicago through a relentless educational campaign on the Board of Education. In this he has been supported by the Pas-a-Pas Club and, to some extent, by the National Association of the Deaf. The Combined System has not yet gained a complete ascendancy over ultra-oralism, but as sure as the sun sets the day is drawing nearer.

Prejudice of employers is giving way to cordial praise and commendation for the deaf workman. A recent news item was published all over the country under the big scarehead, "Think Mutes Best Workers. A New York Firm Solves One Problem of Labor." In Illinois a sewing machine company carried a standing advertisement for deaf women workers at fair wages. I remember receiving a communication once while secretary of the Pas-a-Pas Club from a large Chicago firm applying for more deaf workmen as those it had gave great satisfaction. This is the kind of advertising that pays the deaf and eventually will open up to them every avenue of employment in the profession as well as in the trades. And when they have made their money or have put aside their savings, they will want to become little capitalists. This leads me to the subject of this paper. About two years ago, by request, I wrote an article for the *American Industrial Journal* in reference to the deaf of my adopted city, Los Angeles, as successful investors. The article evidently struck a keynote, for similar articles on the deaf of other cities have appeared.

Economy is one of the most essential elements that goes to make a successful investor, yet it is most wretchedly disregarded. The old adage, "Willful waste makes woeful want," never was more fully exemplified than in these days when much of the want that now prevails would not exist had care been taken



SCARF DRILL, BY PUPILS OF THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL, FOR THE DEAF.

in time of prosperity to lay up something for a "rainy day." The average young man of to-day when he begins to earn is soon inclined to habits of extravagance and wastefulness. His head becomes "swelled" and he is imbued with the idea that, regardless of what he earns, he must indulge in habits corresponding to those of some other young man simply because he indulges or imagines he cannot be manly without. The five, ten or fifteen cents daily squandered, while a mere trifle apparently, would, if saved, amount in a few years to hundreds of dollars and go far towards establishing the foundation of a future career. Too few realize that in order to acquire the dollars one must take care of the nickels. Careful saving and careful spending invariably promote success. It has been well said, that "it is not what a man earns but what he saves that makes a man rich." John Jacob Astor said that the saving of the first thousand dollars cost him his hardest struggle. As a rule people do not know how to save. It is the highest importance to impress upon every young man the duty of beginning to save from the moment he commences to earn, be it even so little, a habit so formed in early life will prove an incalculable benefit to him in after years, not only in the amount acquired, but through the exercise of economy in small affairs, he will grow in knowledge and fitness for larger duties that may devolve upon him.

One of the greatest incentives to saving is property investments. Russell Sage, one of the old seers of Wall Street, imparted this shrewd advice, "Young man, buy real estate, especially acre property, in the outlying boroughs and work hard at your usual vocation. Your real estate purchase will make your old age comfortable." The enormous fortunes of the Vanderbilts, Astors, Marshall Field and of legions of others were made from these small beginnings. Every growing city has its record of successful investors. In Los Angeles, for example, a man named Reed who made a little money by selling proprietary medicine, 25 years ago, bought forty acres for \$8,000 and then let it lie until 2 years ago when he was offered a quarter of a million for it. Such opportunities that confronted our fathers, are offered us. This country has to-day a paltry population estimated at 85,000,000. With millions pouring in annually, the natural increase of its own population, the continued prosperity of the country and its enormous undeveloped resources, the demand for property must continue and the price must increase according to the natural law of "supply and demand."

Advertised and fake mining schemes, oil and industrial stock companies often part a fool from his money, but real estate is one thing that never can get away from you. Once

you own some property, it is yours as long as you live and pay the taxes and when you answer that call that will come to all of us some time, it is left for your heirs to enjoy or quarrel over. A bank account is a good thing, so are interest bearing bonds and other



W. L. HILL,

Editor of the *Athol (Mass.) Transcript*, who resented Ben Butler's remark that the Deaf were "Half-Men."

securities. But the rent payer seldom enjoys such things. No man ever became rich through the saving bank alone. Inevitably there comes a time in his life when the intelligent man wants to see his money earn more than the discouragingly three or four per cent paid by the saving bank and he casts about for some other form of investment that offers a larger return for his. Bonds and mortgages pay but little better than the saving bank and their possession requires more money than the average man has for investment. So he must turn to some investment which requires a minimum or installment outlay, but which at the same time promises the greatest speculative possibilities.

Here we have the men who come to see the advantage of real estate holidays, for be it ever so small, and they are the wise men of the generation. They are more—for they are the mainstay of the country—the real captains of industry, for the real estate owner is the possessor of an asset which will never fail him. He also enjoys the respect of the

community in which he lives. Henry Ward Beecher once wrote: "There is a distinct joy in owning land, unlike that which you have in money, in houses, in books, pictures, or anything else which men have devised. Personal property brings you into society with men. But land is a part of God's estate in the globe, and when a parcel of ground is deeded to you and you walk over it and call it your own, it seems as if you had come into partnership with the original Proprietor of the earth."

Did you ever come in contact with a man who had just come into the full ownership of his home? If you have, you have also noticed the expression of peace and good will toward all men that make his countenance so bright and happy. He may have had a hard struggle, scraping and saving for that little piece of land and his modest home built thereon. Between the lines of his deed may be read a story, pathetic in its continuous performances of little and sometimes great sacrifices; of pleasure ungratified and of desires unsatisfied; little trips to the country and seaside given up; visits postponed, and, sadder than all these, denials of luxuries to the loved ones to whom he gave temporary pain by refusing things that might not have cost much, but which, if they had been granted, would have left him so much further from the goal—the possession of a home, not for himself alone, but also for the parties to the sacrifice. But when he came home and laid the deed in the lap of the patient helpmate there was the glow of happy satisfaction in the whole family circle, the trials were forgotten in the enjoyment of possession. He is content and from the day he makes his last payment on the real estate he sets forth to lay by a little store. And the discipline he had while gaining that little home has made him a better man, a better worker and a better accumulator for he has learned how.

In a general way, I have referred only to city and suburban investments, but the ownership of farmlands gives the same feeling of securities. It is the farmer who regulates the prosperity of the country, sets the price on the clothing we wear, on the food we eat, on the necessities and luxuries that we buy. In him the pulse of the nation beats. The financial depression that swept the country last fall pinched the other foot. The panic that reigned in Wall Street found the farmer smiling. In former years Wall Street owned and controlled the vast area of farms in the West and Middle West, but after years of bitter struggle and hardships, good crops and high prices gave the American farmer his independence. Not only was he able to pay off the farm mortgage and all his debts and place his children in colleges and uni-



GROUP OF ADVANCED CLASS STUDENTS.—N. J. SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF



CATHOLIC PUPILS PREPARED FOR CONFIRMATION.—N. J. S. D.

versities, but he has money to loan to his banker and merchants and Wall Street. The farmer no longer is to be despised and looked down upon as a poor, down trodden creature. His profession has been raised to a lofty and dignified calling. Scientific farming will in future make the owner as rich as a trust magnate. Fortunately, the opportunity is opened to all. The agricultural departments of our state universities are turning out thousands of future captains of industry. The profession of farming is uncrowded and paying. The young man who goes through the state agricultural university is every inch as much an expert in his line as the graduate of the scientific, medical or law school in his. The young man is taught there intensive, diversified, scientific farming, from which a good living with a surplus profit that will provide amply for old age, may be made from a comparatively small tract of land—say ten acres—with ample cultivation, irrigation and fertilization. Perhaps some of you may have recently read in the dailies how a rich Chicago broker was unable to engage a farm expert at \$50 per week to manage his country farm. This shows which way the wind is blowing. Irrigation is reclaiming millions of acres of the finest agricultural land yet thrown open. The national government is proving the farmer's best friend. Millions are being spent for irrigation. Irrigated lands that can be secured now for a few dollars per acre will be worth a few hundred per acre in a few years.

The farmer is, by no means, so isolated from civilization as he used to be. The rural mail delivery is a great benefit. Small rural towns have been converted into cities and property values have enhanced by reason of increased convenience to all dwellers along the route. The highest compliment paid the service, however, is that which it is receiving as a factor in the education of the people throughout the land. It is certainly keeping the rural residents abreast of the times, no matter how distant he may be from the city. It is also a great factor in making country life more attractive to both old and young, thus having a tendency to keep the people on the farms and also turn urban residents "back to the land" and millionaires "back to nature." The rapid extensions of the cheap telephone service and of the interurban trolley lines that run through the farm country, as also the increasing cheapness of automobiles, are other great factors having a tendency to bring the farmer in closer touch with his city brethren, and he is now able to seek with them the theatres, operas and other high class entertainments.

Investments in property, bonds, stock and commercial securities are practically unknown

among the deaf. Nor are there as many farmers among them as there should be. Our schools train them for the trades and it is natural that they should follow what they had been taught rather than farming of which they knew nothing. True, our state schools



GIRLS PLAYING "SQUAW."—N. J. S. D.

maintain farms, gardens and dairies where the boys do the work of farmhands, but no effort has been made to teach them farming, dairying or horticulture as a profession up to the standard taught at the agricultural schools to enable them to become experts in their line if placed under competent agricultural instruction, while the students at the agricultural school must complete their course in one or two years. The nearest approach of what our own schools should do, is being done in the Mississippi Institution where dairying as a profession is taught by a dairy expert.

The venerable Judge Mott of the Minnesota Board of Charities, once remarked that the deaf leave the school poorly equipped in knowledge of ordinary business and property transactions. Few of them know how to draw a promissory note, of the legal rates of interest, of the rules of mortgages, deeds, receipts, etc. In consequence, they become an "easy mark" for swindlers and land sharks. With their confidence once shaken, the banks or the basement cellars are the only safe hiding place for their hoards. The inexperienced will, in mat-

ters of all business transactions, find it safer to consult a reputable lawyer or should arrange to have their deeds, mortgages, or money for real estate transactions handled through a Title and Trust company. Titles and mortgages should always be recorded with the county clerk. Our *Alma Mater* is ahead of all others in providing for a course on business and land transactions, how to write business letters, deal with banks, draw notes, etc. The text book used is "A First Book on Business Method" by Teller & Brown, published by Rand, McNally & Company, and worthy to be seen in every home.

I shall now bring this paper to an end. It is my wish that prosperity may attend you and that all of you may have the proud distinction of becoming taxpayers of this great state, knowing that in doing so you contribute to the support of our worthy *Alma Mater* and cancel a debt for the education she has given you. And I can already picture in my mind your success as joint property owners of The Home that we are to build and maintain, whose lands and buildings are sure to double and treble in value and usefulness before many years have passed. So let us cheerfully contribute freely to the Fund now—as an investment—for the Lord saith, "It will return to you after many days."

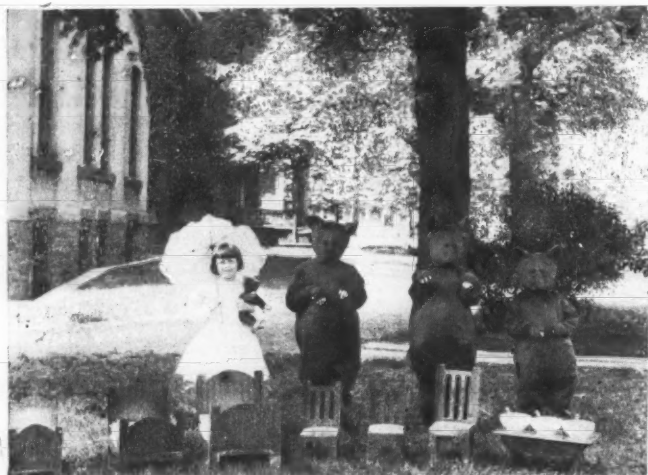
Congratulations to Supt. W. C. Ritter

According to *The Times-Dispatch*, of Richmond, Va., Mr. William C. Ritter has been made superintendent of the school for colored deaf and blind. This was done by the unanimous vote of the full board of visitors of the institution, and is a fitting reward for the persistence and energy and wise foresight which Mr. Ritter has, for years, exerted in behalf of the hitherto neglected blind and deaf colored children of the Old Dominion state.

Two free sites have been offered as a location for the school, and Superintendent Ritter is authorized to visit them and any other sites that may be offered before the 15th day of May next, and report his findings to the board. Under the provisions of the appropriation act, which gives \$25,000 for the new school, the board must have a farm, and it is desired that it be somewhere between Newport News and Lynchburg.

Every one who knows Superintendent Ritter will testify that he is well qualified by education, experience, ability and temperament for the important office to which he has been elected.

The only state in the country which makes no provision for the care and education of its colored deaf and dumb and blind children is Louisiana. Will not another "Ritter" in that state, arise and push forward their claims.—*New York Deaf-Mutes' Journal*.



THE "THREE BEARS."—NEW JERSEY SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.



A FEW OF TRENTON'S DEAF PEOPLE

Stray Straws.

THE Iowa School for the Deaf had its Presentation Day stunt on the 5th of June, through the school proper really closes on the last week of the month. This beforehandness is to make sure of having time to reserve for the hospitable entertainment of the teachers and superintendents from the schools of the North, East and South, who may stop in Council Bluffs on their way to the convention at Odgen, Utah.

The Iowa teachers have planned for a special car which will take them and some of their Nebraska neighbors and fellow teachers all the way. It is also being *whispered* that the redoubtable Jay Cooke Howard, of "the unsalted seas," will come along and toss flap-jacks and crack jokes for this special carload of teachers.

The Iowa School family is happy now over the prospect of the city car line being built out to it this very summer. It is true that "hope long deferred maketh the heart sick," and this car line has been built on paper for twenty years already, but now there is greater promise than ever before that it will materialize on the ground this summer. Then the time honored "shank's mare" will be given a well deserved and permanent rest.

It is doubtful if any school for the deaf has as well arranged and convenient sewing department as that of Iowa. It has three nice, large well-lighted rooms on the upper (third story) floor of the girls' wing. Each room has a different grade of sewing and is well equipped according to the kind of sewing done in it. There are several fine, high-grade sewing machines in two of the rooms where the most important work is done. And an up-to-date electric iron is on hand always ready for use in pressing wherever necessary in the dressmaking department.

Recently, "Lady Betty" passed through a mild combination of chicken-pox and whooping cough, and in the pride of so much "honors" heaped onto her little five year old shoulders she gravely mentioned that she had the "chicken-cough" and the "whooping-pox."

This "Lady Betty" is in her own small unconscious way something of a Christian Scientist. One day she had a very real headache and told her mama that she would play on her toy piano and make the headache go away. Suiting the action to the word, she sat down and played on her little piano for

a while and then calmly announced that her headache was all gone.

The workings of children's minds are a source of continuous surprises.



THE THREE ACROBATS.—N. J. SCHOOL.

A little boy in the second grade was evidently having a "crush" on his teacher in his own way. He commenced by telling her every few days that he did not like the Mrs. prefixed to her name and wanted it to be Miss instead. Finally, after the fashion of Myles Standish, he sent another little boy to his teacher telling that he wanted to marry her. The surprised teacher laughingly replied that she was married really and truly and could not marry again. That seemed to settle everything, but in a few days the small messenger came back to the subject by inquiring if teacher would "please, wait till he grew up." Then teacher gravely remarked that she would probably be dead by that time and afterwards she saw them assuring each other that they "did not think teacher could ever, ever die."

The letter of Father McCarthy in the "Pach Page" must surely find an echo in the minds of all the SILENT WORKER readers.

And the letter itself brings vividly to mind

the kindly man who wrote it and whom I met but once at his place of Sunday worship. His fatherly way of greeting his little flock and the warm friendly hand he gave to me, a stranger, is something not to be forgotten. "Comparisons are odious," I know, but I have been to many different places where the Protestant deaf meet to worship and none could excel the devout kindness of that Roman Catholic Father.

Our versatile and mighty president of the N. A. D. is making things hum with such vim that the members of the Association are waking up to lend a helping hand.

And, at the same time, he's rightly taking a whole lot of satisfaction out of the fact that he is secretary-treasurer, vice-president, and director, of all the different poultry associations in Colorado. Sure he's got the credit for having all the chickens out there and it's not at all necessary for him to eat any chicken necks unless he feels no account himself. Now he has promised us a barbecue on Pike's Peak in 1910. Just think of a barbecue on Pike's Peak and realize that it is better than a banquet and vaudeville show all rolled into one. "I remember, I remember," having attended a barbecue way down among the hills of Tennessee in the long ago, and ever since have been longing for the unique pleasure of another.

It is to be hoped that the deaf have followed up the articles on the Federation plan for the N. A. D. by Douglas Tilden and the discussions thereon by Mr. Philip Morin and others and will get to thinking for 1910. In having plans and improvements discussed *pro* and *con* in the papers, away head of the time for action, there is the opportunity to make haste slowly and so avoid mistakes in 1910.

I wonder if any of the readers of the SILENT WORKER have some deaf friends who are always "seeing snakes!"

Ah! ahem! I don't mean real snakes or the imaginary kind which Omar Kahyyam sees in "the cup that clears to-day of past regrets and future fears," or which is found by a "boozier" in the flowing bowl.

"Seeing snakes" is really seeing all the ugly things in life without seeing any of the beauty which is everywhere.

They are friends who always have a fit of spitefulness if everything does not come their own way and who will "look gift horses in the mouth." If any one does a nice thing for them, they begin to wonder and suspicion the *why* and the *wherefore* of it.

I know one beautiful young deaf lady who



ON THE SANDS AT OCEAN GROVE, N. J.



A TYPICAL COTTAGE AT OCEAN GROVE, N. J.

hides herself in the bosom of her family (to the great discomfort of the family, too) and refuses to write to her friends or to practice any of the little social amenities of life toward them. And all simply because she got it into her head that nobody liked her and so was always "seeing snakes" whenever any one was more than passing friendly. When her hearing sisters would take her out with them to call on hearing friends she would insist on their interpreting all of the conversation on their fingers so she could feel sure that they were not "talking about" herself. Conversation with friends would generally be full of discontented allusions to her deafness accompanied by moans for the privilege of having "ears that hear." Really this young lady is not the only person who "sees snakes" that way but she will serve as an instance of that unhappy habit.

E. F. L.

Mary Hamilton Rocap

AMONG the older deaf at Philadelphia no one is better known than our esteemed friend Mrs. Mary Hamilton Rocap, of whom we shall give a short biographical sketch here. Our subject was born in Philadelphia on December 15th, 1837, the year of one of the greatest panics that America has suffered, far exceeding, in severity, the one out of which the country is now emerging. She is of English stock, a member of the old Parry family whose history may be traced back to the early settlement of Pennsylvania. It is even claimed that some of her ancestors who emigrated to America from Wales shared in

the distribution of land by William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania. From what is known there seems no doubt that the history of the Parry family is more than ordinarily interesting.

It was in Bucks County where Thomas Parry, great grandfather of Mrs. Rocap's father, Samuel Parry, first settled on a grant



MARY HAMILTON ROCAP.

of land; and, later, some members of the family settled in Chester County in the vicinity of West Chester. As the family increased it gradually scattered, Philadelphia being most favored, probably on account of its proximity to the original settlements; but members of the family are now located in Indiana, where one has achieved a national reputation. An uncle of Mrs. Rocap, Charles Parry, was for many years a partner in the firm of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, which has grown to be one of the greatest industrial establishments in the world. In brief, prosperity seems to have favored most of the members of this good old family, Mr. Rocap included.

The parents of Mrs. Rocap were Samuel and Mary Parry, her father being employed by the municipality as a superintendent of workmen to lay gas and water pipes under ground. When a child of six years of age, she visited a playmate sick with the scarlet-fever against the advice of her mother and, as a result of this disobedience, she contracted the disease which ultimately left her totally deaf. Although of school age, the tender fear and affection which the mother left for her child,

which was now intensified by the new affliction, was such that she would not consent to separate with her and thus much valuable time was lost in schooling, a not infrequent mistake of maternal heads of families now-a-days. However, when the deaf child had reached her teens, she was so restless from the monotonous life at home that she was finally sent to the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, then located at Broad and Pine streets. Entering the school at seventeen, she quit in two and a half years on account of her age.

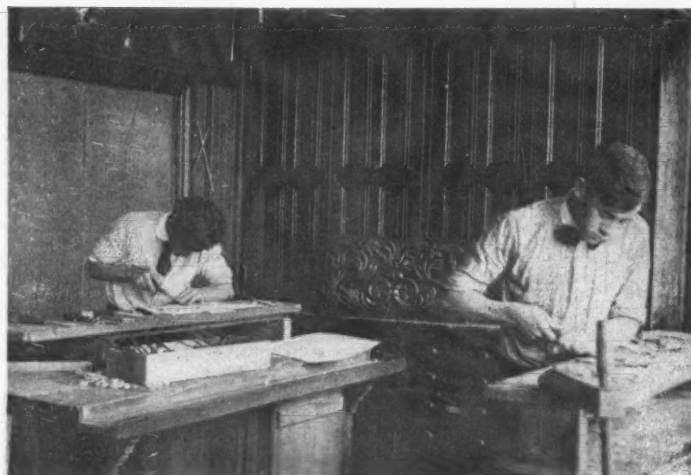
On August 20th, 1863, Mrs. Rocap was married to Charles Pittman Rocap, who was engaged at the trade of shoemaking. Being a man of good habits, religiously inclined, quiet and unassuming and with an affectionate disposition, we can not believe other than that their married life was very happy, though humble was the beginning. Four children—all boys—issued from this union, namely:—Frank Parry, born June 5th, 1865; William Allen, born January 1st, 1869; Charles Elmer, born November 6th, 1870; and Justus Brumer, born July 20th, 1874. After eleven years of married life, the husband received his final summons from Him who both giveth and taketh life. It came suddenly on February 13, 1874, by an attack of apoplexy. The sorrowing widow had hardly recovered from the shock when, on October 18th, 1876, Charles Elmer succumbed to diphtheria, and in about a week, on the 26th of the same month, Justus was also carried off by the disease. The grief-stricken mother bore her great loss with ex-



DR. WILLIAM A. ROCAP.



FRANK PARRY ROCAP.



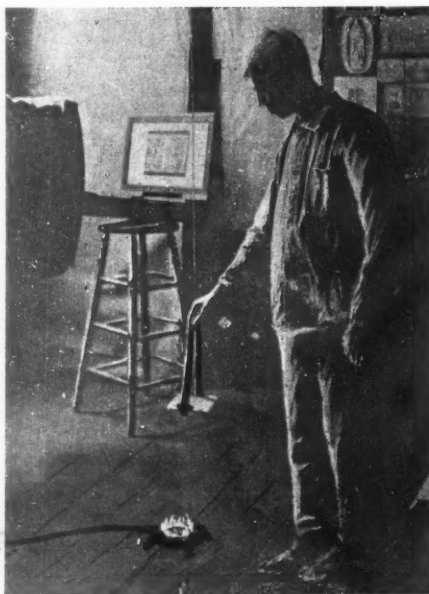
PUPILS AT WORK IN THE WOOD-WORKING DEPARTMENT.—N. J. S. D.

treme fortitude and from that time on devoted all her love and care on raising the two remaining boys. It was a task that taxed her womanly courage to its utmost and called for the exercise of considerable self-denial, and, happily, she has lived to see the consummation, in part, at least, of her heart's longing of many years. She is never more happy than to relate how she succeeded in her efforts to raise her boys to 'successful manhood. And, we take into account the success achieved by her sons, her pride is pardonable, indeed. Frank Parry, the oldest son learned pattern making and for many years held a responsible position in the office of the Baldwin Locomotive Works. He retired a few years ago and has since given his time to the care of the real estate holdings of the family, being also a contractor for cement work. He is married and has two children. William Allen, the other son, became a doctor of medicine and acquired a large and profitable practice in Olney, a section of Philadelphia. Unfortunately, last year 1907, when apparently in the zenith of his usefulness, death cut short his career. In order to show the high estimation by which he was held in the community where he lived and worked, we can not do better than to append the beautiful tribute of the Rev. William Henry Wells, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Olney.

"This community has suffered a great loss in the death of William A. Rocap, M.D., Thursday morning August 29th, after a brief final illness. The Doctor was for several years troubled with a severe malady which he bore with fortitude and patience. Often during the past year he ministered to his patients while he himself was suffering greatly. None knew his physical condition better than the Doctor himself, with the dire possibilities involved; yet with admirable courage and uncomplaining spirit he kept right on in the face of that which would have driven many men into a state of melancholia. The Doctor's familiar presence going to and fro on our streets will be greatly missed, but his kind and sympathetic ministrations will be missed a great deal more in homes to which, as a family physician he was bound by tender ties of affection running through a number of years. The sacred personal tie and affection for the family physician became very real and deep with the passing years of affliction so that the relation between the family physician and his patients became very near and dear. Many a silent tear has fallen in tender and loving testimony to his memory. The Doctor was faithful and painstaking in his work, ever studying the interest of his patients. He was modest and unassuming, at the same time, decided and deliberate. He made a host of friends through his extensive practice and genial good nature.

"Dr. Rocap was born January 1, 1869, at Bridgeton,

N. J. His father died when he was a lad. His mother survives him and was a frequent visitor to his home and that of his surviving brother. The Doctor's medical education was acquired at Jefferson Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1888. After graduation he served for a few months as a resident physician at St. Mary's Hospital and then for nearly



WHIRLING A PLATE IN THE HALF-TONE ENGRAVING DEPARTMENT.—N. J. S. D.

two years in the same capacity at the Jewish Hospital, after which he located in Olney, where he built up a large and lucrative practice.

"Funeral services were conducted at his late residence, Monday morning, September 2, at 11 o'clock, by the Rev. Horace F. Fuller, rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, and the pastor of this church. Interment was private at Trinity Church Burying Ground, where the Doctor was laid to rest beside his favorite aunt, Miss Martha S. Parry, who died about three and a half years ago. The sadness of Dr. Rocap's death is greatly intensified by reason of the earliness with which he has been cut off in the midst of a career of usefulness, for which his personality and training were so good an equipment. This is one of those mysteries which baffles solution and commands devout reverential submission. The feelings of many may be devoutly expressed in the words of the poet Tennyson, and I would that my tongue could utter the thoughts that arise in me."

But oh! for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still!

The death of this beloved son was a very

severe shock to his aged deaf mother and she still bewails his loss. The doctor was unmarried and perhaps, he loved none better than his mother to whom he owed so much. That this is true is best shown by the fact that he willed his entire fortune to his mother, which insures her a very comfortable income for life.

We have given considerable space in this sketch to Mrs. Rocap's sons, and, while they may rightly form part of it, our aim is chiefly to show the world how successfully deaf parents can rear their children. The handicap of deafness, while a partial hindrance, is not nearly so great as it is commonly thought to be by hearing people.

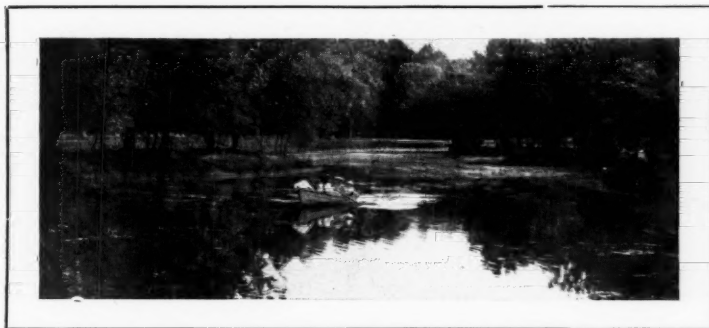
Mrs. Rocap's husband was a native of New Jersey. After their marriage they lived in Bridgeton, New Jersey, until the husband's demise. She then returned to Philadelphia, making her home at No. 1422 Cambridge Street, where she has resided ever since. The house was bequeathed to her in fee simple for life by her brother, Charles Parry. In the long time many prominent deaf have enjoyed Mrs. Rocap's hospitality at this place, among them the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Trist and Mr. Olof Hanson, the architect and teacher.

Mrs. Rocap has a strong personality. She is large in stature, strong-minded, keen in business affairs and alert to her rights, but behind all these one sees a strong sympathetic and generous nature. Her economical way of living is a lesson to many who are in less comfortable circumstances. Possessed of ample means she yet prefers to cling to the "simple life." She is one of the earliest members of All Souls' Mission for the Deaf and a constant contributor to its needs. In the years gone by she was also one of its most active workers, continuing until age forced her to the rear ranks, though her loyalty to the Mission seems greater now than ever before. The Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf at Doylestown also appeals to her sympathy and she gives generously to it every year. And her charities are not confined to these only.

Believing that one is entitled to know during life time how well we appreciate all efforts for doing good, we submit this humble sketch of our friend, Mrs. Rocap, with every good wish that she may spend her declining years in peace, happiness and comfort.

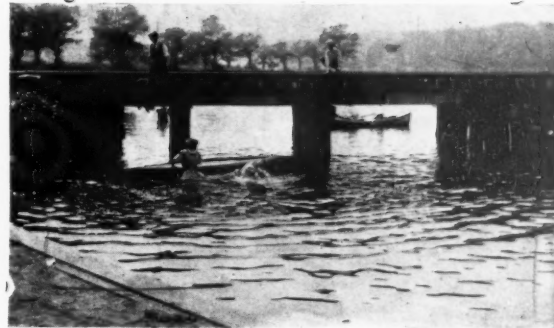
JAMES STRAUSS REIDER.

An evening paper is astonished by the fact that in Brixton a deaf and dumb bootmaker has two deaf and dumb assistants, and consequently the customers who are not deaf and dumb, and who are ignorant of the deaf and dumb alphabet have to write down their wants on paper. Poor things! (We refer to the customers.)—*British Deaf Times*.



ROWING ON PICTURESQUE SUNSET LAKE, ASBURY PARK, N. J.

THE FIRST PICTURE WAS TAKEN BY MR. PORTER AND ENGRAVED BY WESLEY BREESE. THE SECOND WAS TAKEN BY WESLEY BREESE AND ENGRAVED BY THE SILENT WORKER.



THE DANGERS OF CANOEING ON DEAL LAKE, ASBURY PARK, N. J.

❖ The Order of Americans Proud of Tilden ❖

OF the many millions of people who have throughout the ages lived upon this earth, how few there are who by their noble deeds or great works have immortalized their names! And so it is not pandering to an unworthy emotion to desire to come into the presence of one of the world's chosen, nor to present in a paper like *The Americans* the picture of one who has proven himself worthy of immortal fame. There is little question that when the history of the present day is written—and we limit not the meaning of this to American history, but includes the more expansive history of the world—that therein will be found in conspicuous prominence the name of Douglas Tilden. Notice, we do not prefix "Mr." Who ever heard of Monsieur Napoleon Bonaparte, Herr Bismarck, Signor Christopher Columbus or Mr. William Shakespeare? Great men's names would be belittled by the use of a prefix, and so it is not familiarity, it is not a want of courtesy that impels us, but it is a due appreciation of the fact that we are dealing with the name of a master.

Speaking of masters, and particularly so in the sculptor's art, it is customary to look way back in the world's history, and point to those men whose names and fame have been heralded throughout the ages as the personification of greatness and the true ideal. Such was the Grecian sculptor, Praxiteles, who lived in the fifth century before Christ, and yet evidences of whose greatness still exist. But more usually the "great masters" are dated from the days of Michaelangelo, the Italian, who lived 1475-1564. This man was not only a master in the art of carving stone; he was also an artist, an architect and poet. Of more modern date is Antonio Canova, of Venice, who was born in 1757 and died in 1822. Since this period the seat of greatness in the arts and sciences has been removed from Greece and Italy and is now centered in Paris, France. It follows, therefore, that he who at this time holds the distinction of being the foremost sculptor of Paris is the recognized greatest sculptor living. This distinguished honor belongs to Rodin (pronounced Rodan), who is nearly seventy years old and is still working. At the age of fifteen this genius took a trip to Italy, studied the art of Michaelangelo, and became imbued with the idea that he could emulate the deeds of this great master. Time, patience and skill have proven the truth of his impression.

Whilst Germany and England have each produced sculptors, America has not been entirely barren in this respect. Amongst the foremost may be mentioned William Wetmore Story and St. Gaudens, the latter of whom, while of French birth, was early in life brought to this country, received his education here, and is classed therefore as an American. Both of these artisans are now dead, St. Gaudens

having died last year. It was this St. Gaudens who devised the design for our new coinage, which has raised so much public discussion.

Ranking with such men as these is Douglas Tilden, the subject of our article, and were



DOUGLAS TILDEN.

we permitted the comparison we should say he greater resembles Michelangelo, for the reason that the latter as has already been stated, was a man of diversified talents. So is Douglas Tilden, who is not only a sculptor but likewise a man of letters, whose articles to current magazines are ever in great demand. But great men need no prototypes; they stand on their own merit. As proof of this assertion we would remind our readers that there are many specimens of the work of foreign artists in different parts of California, and the merits of Douglas Tilden's productions suffer not by comparison therewith, in the eyes of the critic. There are many stone-cutters, there are few sculptors, there is but one Douglas Tilden.

We are proud of our Second Vice-President, and express the hope that he may expend some of his genius in directing the affairs of *The Americans*, and be instrumental in perpetuating the name of our Order as he has been successful in immortalizing the name Douglas Tilden; and we take pleasure in presenting him to you as a sculptor, as a man of

letters, as a philanthropist, as an exemplar of the simple life, as a model husband, as a loving father, as our brother, as an American, Douglas Tilden.—*The Americans*.

Eastern Canada

The Sun of May 9th, published in St. John, N. B., reads thus:—

"At the rooms of the St. John Deaf-Mute Association last evening, a very pleasant event took place, when President Baille, on behalf of the members, read a very felicitous address to Miss Beatrice E. McLean. At the conclusion of the address Miss McLean was made the recipient of a purse of gold. Miss McLean was very much surprised by the expression of good will and made a graceful response. She removes in a few days to Chipman, N. B., for the summer." This lady who is a valued member of the Association, fully deserves the above appreciation of her good work.

Mr. W. S. Goucher, of Melvern Square, N. S., was baptized in the old mill pond there on Sunday, May 10. Mr. Fred C. Bowbly and Miss Adaf Tufts, both of Aylesford, N. S., drove to see the baptism.

The fourth convention of the Maritime Deaf-Mute Association will be held at St. John, N. B., on August 23, 24, 25, 26, 1908. A trip on the St. John River and a picnic may be given to the visiting delegates. Do not forget the dates.

The following have contributed towards the Gray and Hutton monument:—

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Ruggles	25.00
" " " James Gardner	20.00
" " " Geo. S. Mackenzie	10.00
" " " John McPherson	5.00
Miss Agnes Johnson	5.00
" Alma R. Atkinson	5.00
Mr. William J. Murray	5.00
" Elderkin Allen	5.00
" Fred C. Bowbly	4.25
" William Hennigar	3.00
" Harry Coggon	2.00
" Russell Fenton	2.00
" Clifford Terris	2.00
Edward Parker Clarke, Esq. (Rome N. Y.) ..	1.00
Miss Mary McNeill	1.00
" Miss Nellie L. Gower	1.00
Mr. J. M. Nickerson	1.00
" W. W. Higgins	1.00
Mr. Harry W. Archibald	1.00
" Simeon A. P. Terris	1.00
" W. S. Goucher50

Mr. William Baillie and Mr. Chester Brown, of St. John, N. B., and Mrs. Alfred Harvey and Miss Edith L. Morrison, of Halifax, N. S., have been asked to collect from the deaf people of their respective cities. President Mackenzie wishes to say that he is not in a position to advise when the above erection may take place until the required amount (\$300.00 more or less) is collected. Subscriptions will be gladly received by Geo. S. Mackenzie, P. O. Box 585, Moncton, N. B., Canada.

MACK.

Convention of The New Jersey State Association of the Deaf

THE seventh biennial meeting of the New Jersey State Association of the Deaf was held at the School for the Deaf in Trenton on May 30. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, for it rained all day, nearly 150 persons, including delegates and visitors, were in the chapel at the opening of the proceedings. In the absence of the President, Vice-President Cascella presided. The following program was followed:—

Address of Welcome—Supt. J. P. Walker.
Report of President.
Report of Secretary-Treasurer.
Unfinished business of last convention.
Other business.
Addresses.
Election of officers.
Installation of officers.
New business.
Resolutions.
Adjournment.

Mr. Walker in his address of welcome expressed his great pleasure at the circumstance that the association had for the third time honored the School by selecting it as the place of holding its convention. He said that he regarded it as a good indication for the school when the children of an older growth had a yearning for the scene of their scholastic triumphs, when they reverted with happiness to the school-boy and school-girl days, and loved to return and visit the scenes around the Pierian spring at which they drank. He extended to the association, in the name of the Board of Education, the freedom of the school and of the grounds and, in the name of the Mayor and City Councils, the freedom of the city. He congratulated the members upon the fraternal relations existing between the societies of the deaf in the three states that had joined in the convention and expressed the hope that the tie should become closer with the passing of future years. He felicitated the association upon the progress they had made on all lines, and upon the progress made in the schools and methods of instruction of the deaf in the states that were represented. He reviewed the work of educating the deaf and the various matters of interest bearing upon it, throughout the country. He closed by referring to the high standards now required of all officials in schools for the deaf, of the improved and better adapted buildings now provided and to the establishment of homes in the various states for aged and infirm deaf persons, and closed with the prediction that the quarter century upon which we are entering had yet better things in store for children deprived of hearing.

Mr. Lloyd spoke of the affairs of the association. He said that every deaf resident of New Jersey should be a member for the general welfare of the deaf which the association may be able to promote. Any selfish personal considerations such as lead to the in-

quiry, "What good will it do me?" should not be entertained at all. In union there is strength, in numbers there is force. Besides it is well to meet in convention once in a while to renew old associations.

He severely criticised the action of the Civil Service Commission in refusing hereafter to examine any deaf persons for positions under the government, notwithstanding the fact that many are now occupying such positions and giving satisfaction. He said it

which I now stand is hallowed by the dear ones whom we knew and loved and who have passed on before—I feel that I am once more among friends whom I can trust, who I love for themselves and whom I feel sure have no other reason for loving me.

For a long time I have dwelt in what is practically an alien land so far as I am concerned, though speaking the same language and practicing the same customs—the alien part of it comes from the hearts. I have sat in gatherings of the deaf there and seen the inhabitants of that land lauded to the skies by themselves; "outsiders"—those who had the good fortune, not misfortune, to have attended some other school without its borders are looked on as far inferior beings.

One particular gathering I attended was addressed by a person for many years connected with one of the largest schools for the instruction of the deaf and a very significant tone ran through his whole address which was about that particular school. To quote his own words the person said that while the school in question was one of the largest, it did not follow that the largest is the best.

How my heart swells with pride as I look on what the New Jersey School has accomplished within a quarter of century! Possessed of one little school only fairly adapted to its purpose compared with other schools, stinted by the State in matters of new buildings and appropriations, but yet its graduates stand second to none in actual accom-

plishment. I am pretty sure we did not send a graduate who received his rudimentary education here directly to college, yet in intelligence the average of the New Jersey graduate is better than that shown by other schools. We have none who have achieved any remarkable success in literature, art or business, yet we have no graduates in the poor-house and very, very few of them are dependent. There is more of an independent spirit shown by the New Jersey graduates than you will be able to discover in other states. Every man seems to be a free lance who will obey but never be driven. I notice that in certain large cities where the deaf have eaten lotus-fruit of city life they are subservient to the wishes of a few self-seeking leaders, but no New Jersey man will let some self-constituted cabal dictate his manner of life—not much!

I may say that one of the greatest causes of my pride in my *Alma Mater* is that it is a combined-system school. It is reaping the fruit in the splendid graduates it has turned out. Graduates who succeed where others fail. The deaf of few states can honestly commend the methods of instruction applied at their schools. Rather than give expression to their honest opinions they maintain a very significant silence on that subject at their state gatherings. Think of it: Silence—you can be sure it is silence—a subsidized silence! Never let such a blot be on the fair name of New Jersey.

Calism has intrenched itself very strongly as a method of instruction in the past decade. That condition is really deplorable, as it came at a time when the deaf all over the country were advancing



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was not only unfair but wrong, and the reasons given by the commission for their action would not stand investigation. He advised that the influence of the New Jersey congressmen be invoked to have the obnoxious ruling modified.

Later on, speaking of marriages of the deaf Mr. Lloyd said that though deaf parents rarely had deaf children, yet it was well for the deaf not to marry each other when there were several cases of deafness in each family directly interested, for statistics showed that there was a tendency towards deaf offspring in such cases.

Mr. Wallace Cook then read his paper as follows:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:—Before me I see familiar faces: through the lapse of the years they never change to me because they are always one-faced—not two-faced. Some I have not seen for ever so many years, and it is like the return of a wanderer in strange lands to his home and friends to be with you to-day, because the friends of boyhood and youth are the truest. A wanderer in a foreign clime, while enjoying the beauties of man and nature, the strange sights and experiences, has moments when his heart turns back with longing and love to old and familiar scenes; the wish to be among them again is far greater than the desire to see new lands and scenes. And so to-day when I stand upon this platform, where in years long gone by I stood—the spot upon



ROWLAND B. LLOYD
President.

with rapid strides in intelligence, business and everything under the Manual and sign-language method of instruction. Since the introduction of oralism the average of intelligence and success in after-life among the deaf has been going down steadily year by year, and is kept up only by those who were educated by the old method and by the present output of the New Jersey School.

Now in these days when I am in the midst of the fight on the world's battlefield, as our honored friend and teacher, Weston Jenkins, expressed it to me in a letter a few weeks ago, oft do I sit in my idle moments and let my memory carry me back to a time that has passed nevermore to return and oft does the train of my recollections lead me back to old school days in Trenton and to you, filled is my cup of memory to the brim with many happy remembrances. Outside of the academic and industrial pursuits where we secured the training of mind and hand that availed us mightily on the battlefield of life why should we not look back to our many triumphs on the diamond, for in my day our only sport was base ball and mighty then were we at the game. Some of you may recall the time we asked permission to go fishing on a Saturday afternoon and being refused we went anyhow. Then when journeying homeward in the evening the disposal of our catch was a more weighty problem than the consequences of our breach of discipline. Some of you will remember those frosty autumn mornings when after breakfast we would sally forth boldly out of the front gate and hurry to a particular place on the tree-embowered banks 'long which the quiet Assanpink flows and there forage for chestnuts until chased off private property by an army of grooms and bull-dogs. Many are the happy recollections memory will bring back to you and to me. Who among you can forget "Circus day;" the winter skating on the canal where nearly all fell in?

Now, my friends, to-day as I look around I see here and there an evidence that Time is beginning to crown you with his silvery tribute. While we are yet in our full vigor let us talk to one another about ourselves, our future and the future of those who are to succeed us. Let us build a firm foundation, one that will resist the remorseless tooth of Time.

Mr. Porter, who had made his appearance in time to get a glimpse of Mr. Cook's remarks, was then asked to say something. He responded as follows:

Mr. Cook has sounded the key-note of gratitude, a sentiment that should exist in the heart of every ex-pupil of the New Jersey School. I am glad to see some one who had the courage to stand in the limelight in favor of his *Alma Mater*.

Mr. Cook, himself, is a shining example of what

the New Jersey School has done for its graduates. It is now quite a number of years since he left the halls so dear to him, time enough in which to establish a reputation as a printer. By the time he entered the employ of the Pennypacker Press in Asbury Park, he had enough confidence in his ability as a workman to hold his own with the best of them. The office was located in a stable in the rear of the Pennypacker home and they were turning out such a high order of work that expansion was necessary. A few years later we found Mr. Cook located in one of the finest appointed printeries on the New Jersey coast. His work was so well appreciated that when they applied for another of my boys Wesley Breese was sent to take charge of their photo-engraving department. He was a young fellow in knee pants and just out of school. He was a revelation to the workmen. They never before in all their experience met with a boy of his age and size who could do so much and such varied work. Naturally the Pennypackers wanted more deaf workmen and once expressed the desire to have every department filled by the deaf. But they could not pay big enough salaries to keep them and the result is that now Mr. Cook is with the Curtis Publishing Company in Philadelphia and Wesley Breese has just been selected by the *State Gazette* of Trenton to take full charge of their photo-engraving department, each at very attractive salaries. There are two other graduates from the printing department, Messrs. Harry Smith and Marvin Hunt, each regarded by their respective employers as among the best printers in Trenton.

Messrs. C. T. Hummer, of Jersey City, whose marriage to one of New Jersey's fairest daughters is but a few days off; Paul Kees, of Newark; David Simmons, of Rahway, and scores of others, are doing well wherever employed.

What I have said of a few of my own pupils, could also be said of others in the varied lines of employment.

The school is, therefore, justly proud of its former pupils and the graduates themselves have every reason to feel proud of their *Alma Mater*—grateful for being so well fortified with an education and a trade. Superintendent Walker is doing the best he can for the educational and spiritual advancement of the deaf of the State and it would be superfluous to say that his work was appreciated.

I believe in encouraging every movement for and by the deaf. I am a member of the National Association of the Deaf, the League of Elect Surds, in New York; the Gallaudet Club, in Philadelphia, and the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, the home office of which is in Chicago. This latter is an organization with nearly 600 members and growing in numerical strength each year. It pays a sick benefit of \$5.00 per week and in case of death \$500. I hope some day, in the near future, there will be many "frats" in New Jersey as elsewhere.

The President appointed Messrs. Lloyd, Bowker and Miss Rosa Schmidt as a Committee on Nominations and while they retired to prepare the tickets, speeches were made by Messrs. Wesley Breese, of Trenton; Rev. C. O. Dantzer and Washington Houston, of Philadelphia, and Ed. Ellsworth, of New York City.

The election of new officers for the ensuing two years then took place, with the following result:

President—Rowland B. Lloyd.

Vice-President—George Wainwright.

Secretary-Treasurer—Wesley Breese.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Association, through its Secretary, protest to the New Jersey Congressmen against the action of the Civil Service Commission in refusing to examine deaf applicants for positions under the government; for classifying them with the insane, epileptic, crippled and deformed, and endeavor to secure the influence of these Congressmen to have this unfair and objectionable ruling against the deaf rescinded.



WESLEY BREESE
Secretary-Treasurer.

Resolved, That the method of education employed at the New Jersey School has the endorsement of the Association.

Resolved, That the New Jersey School needs larger and better buildings for the training of the pupils and that the state should make an appropriation for the same.

Resolved, That the congratulations of the Association be extended to Mr. Charles Hummer and Miss Bessie Sutphin, members of the Association, who are about to be married.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be given to Mr. Walker, Superintendent of the School, for the generous welcome he has extended to the delegates and their friends, and to Mrs. Myers, the Matron, for her kindly co-operation.

Resolved, That the older deaf should urge the pupils to remain at school until they have acquired sufficient knowledge of a trade to enable them to work at it and earn a living.

After luncheon in the dining room of the school, the remainder of the day was spent in social intercourse, the rain preventing the outdoor pleasures that had been contemplated. Nevertheless most of the visitors found so much to entertain them that it was quite late in the evening before the last of them departed and the seventh convention of the New Jersey State Association of the deaf was a thing of the past.

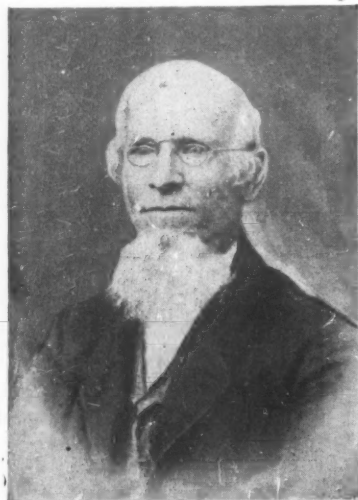
Among those who attended the conference were as follows:

Henry Hester, Otto Reinke, Edw. Bradley, Charles Stevens, Wesley Gaskill, Mrs. Martin Glynn and daughter, Owen Coyne, Moses Bessman, Misses Josie Burke, Clara Breese, Edna Van Wagoner, Minnie Bogart, Minnie Walsh, T. Wagoner, Kate Stetser, Louisa Geiger, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Cook, Frank Jahn, Aloysius McGainor and wife, William Fricke, Fred Bouton, Louis Pugliese, Paul Kees, William Klinger, Rev. Mr. Dantzer and Mrs. Dantzer, Rowland B. Lloyd and Mrs. Lloyd, George S. Porter and Mrs. Porter, William Bennison and Mrs. Bennison, Reuben C. Stephenson and Mrs. Stephenson, Isaac R. Bowker and Mrs. Bowker, Frank Nutt, Francis Purcell, Frederick Walz, Charles Timm, Wesley Breese, George Wainwright, Charles Casella, Julius Aaron and Mrs. Aaron, Grace Apgar, Mrs. Tobin, Marvin Hunt and Mrs. Hunt, Robert Heller and Mrs. Heller, Edward Heller and Mrs. Heller, Washington Houston, Mabel Snowden, Mrs. Frick, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Heyman, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Miss Sadie Howard, Mrs. Buhl, O. E. Lewis, Edward Ellsworth, Wilbur L. Bowers, Simon Mundheim, Mr. Farham, Frank Winters, Miss Mary Connell.

THE SILENT WORKER

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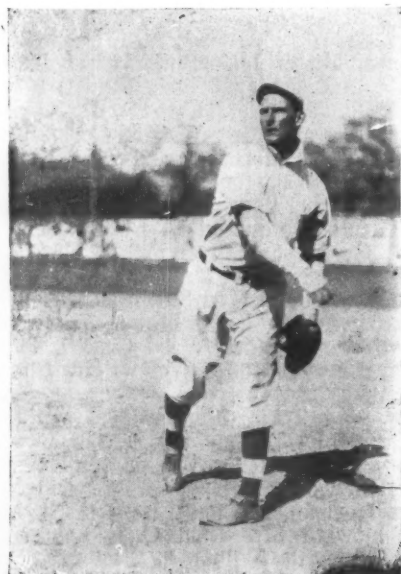
THE Indianapolis city Board of Park Commissioners have decided to name the new park, to be located on the present grounds of our school after its removal, "Willard Park," in memory of William Willard, the founder and first superintendent of the Insti-



WILLIAM WILLARD

tution. A petition by our State Association influenced the selection of the name.

William Willard, himself a deaf-mute, was born in Brattleborough, Vt., in 1809, and educated at the Hartford school. After teaching several years at Hartford and later in the Ohio school he came to Indianapolis in 1842, having previously made a tour of the state on horseback. In this tour he secured the names of deaf children and soon afterward opened a private school with fourteen pupils, which he kept up until 1850. By that time the state became interested and the institution was moved to its present site and properly equipped. Mr. Willard remained with the school until 1864, when on account of ill-health he retired to private life. To his efforts alone is attributed the establishment of a permanent institution. He died February 20, 1888.



GEORGE KIHM

The Silent Hoosier base ball team representing our school this spring was as successful as any that preceded it in recent years. That means a good deal as our boys always excel in the game. Most of their opponents were college or semi-professional teams and considered above their class, the Atkinses having been the Indianapolis city league champions for several seasons. Here is the past spring's record:

	AT HOME	R.	H.	E.
April 3.				
Atkins B. B. C...	3 1 0 2 1 0 1 3	*-11	5	8
S. H.....	0 1 0 2 0 0 1 1	0-5	1	12
April 4.				
Atkins B. B. C...	4 1 2 3 6 1 4 5	*-26	14	5
S. H.....	0 2 0 1 0 1 0 1	0-5	4	9
April 11. (Double header)				
Washingtons....	0 0 1 0 2 0 0 0	0-3	4	6
S. H.....	1 1 0 1 0 1 0 0	*-4	8	4
Washingtons....	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0	0-1	2	7
S. H.....	2 0 1 0 0 0 1 0	*-4	9	3



BASE BALL CLUB (1908). INDIANA STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

Wilson, Scorer. R. O. Johnson, Supt. C. A. Carll, Auditor.
Yoder, ss., Mgr.-Capt. Hinkley, rf. Thuis, lb. Sackett, lf. Matthews, 3b
Stoltz, 2b. Kercher, cf. Surber, c. Spitzfaden, p. Clark, p.

April 23.									
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May 2.									
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S. H.....	1	3	2	0	3	1	0	*-12	12 3
May 9 (A.M.)									
Central Univ....	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0-3	6 8
S. H.....	1	1	0	2	8	0	0	*-14	21 5
May 14. (Double header)									
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S. H.....								*-9	4 4
Butler Univ....								0-1	2 2
S. H.....								0-0	1 3
May 23.									
Winona Teh....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	1 7
S. H.....	0	2	3	0	1	2	0	*-9	10 2
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The boys play for nothing but glory and for the sake of the game itself. They are a good drawing card when playing away from home, but have never asked for nor received a share of the gate receipts, aside from actual expenses, which I think unfair. They should have a small percentage, at least in case they win. I hope to see this insisted upon in contracts made for future games.

One of the most remarkable men playing in the American Association is George Kihm, first sacker of the Columbus team. When released by the Indianapolis management in 1904, after he had helped the club land the pennant the two previous seasons, there was a mighty howl from the "fans." Why he was let go, after rendering such effective service, leading the Association first basemen in fielding and his team mates in almost every feature of the game, has never been explained. If his release was due to a prejudice to his deafness,

I take this opportunity to say that it is his inability to hear more than anything else that makes him the wonderful and brainy player that he is.

Kihm is playing his fourth consecutive season with Columbus, where he is properly appreciated and immensely popular. Educated at the school of that city, he has a following among the local deaf such as must do his heart good and bring out his best effort for their sake, if for nothing else.

The *Minneapolis Tribune* of a recent date had a lengthy account of his work, from which the following is an extract:

Kihm is very sensitive about his base hits. If they come pretty regular, all well and good. But when he strikes a batting slump he worries. There is one feature about his playing that every player in the country could follow to advantage. He never takes his eye off the ball. From the time the umpire says "batter up" until the last out is recorded Kihm knows where the ball is. Any one who tried to play the time-worn trick of hiding the ball on Kihm wouldn't have much luck. When he is at bat the man on the coaching line always tips it off whether the umpire calls a ball or a strike. Kihm gets along fine with the umpires. He has never been

put out of a game, although he had a narrow escape one time in Minneapolis. Charley King was the umpire. The catcher snapped the ball to Kihm and Kihm thought the player who was off first was out. However, King called him safe. Kihm rushed over to King and proceeded to land what appeared to King and the spectators as a short-arm jolt on King's slats. King made a sweeping motion with his hand, which, interpreted, meant that one Kihm should beat it from the field. Zeke Wrigley saved his reputation by explaining to King that Kihm was merely illustrating how he tagged the runner. Kihm was not banished.

In private life Mr. Kihm is a gentleman whom any one would be glad to meet and the longer he is known, the better one appreciates his personal qualities. He has none of the habits that beset the path of and lure the professional ball player. He has saved money and invested it in real estate in Delphos, Ohio, where he has a beautiful home. Mrs. Kihm is a hearing woman, who, with four children, makes up an interesting family in which Mr. Kihm takes great pride.

Indiana has a deaf inventor of no mean repute in John Park, of Rockport. Years ago he invented the oil feeder now universally used on steam engines, but, notwithstanding its general use, he got little out of it. Other labor-saving devices have been perfected by Mr. Park, among them being a steam boiler flue cleaner. One of his patents is an earth auger. For digging holes for telephone poles and large posts it has the old tools beaten.

ALBERT BERG.

Colorado State Association of the Deaf

The Executive Committee of the Colorado State Association of the Deaf has unanimously voted to hold the Third Convention of the Association in Denver, August 13th, 14th and 15th, 1908.

Call for such Convention is herewith issued:

Messrs. M. J. Kestner, Chairman; F. A. Lessley, F. L. Reid, S. McGinnity and E. P. McGowan have been appointed a Local Committee and will have charge of the arrangements of the comfort and pleasure of the members and guests of the Convention.

The business program will be prepared by a committee consisting of the President, *ex-officio* Chairman, and Messrs. Kestner and Reid. Announcement will be duly made in the press or through circular.

A cordial invitation is extended to the deaf of Colorado and their friends to attend the Convention, assist in its deliberations and share in the social pleasures to be prepared for their delectation.

Further information can be obtained from the Chairman of the Local Committee at 1407 Cherokee St., Denver, or its Secretary, E. P. McGowan, 1744 Lawrence St., Denver, Colorado.

G. W. VEDITZ, President

M. J. KESTNER, Secretary

"Sham Deaf" Men

Deafness is, with some people, largely a matter of habit, says a writer in the *New York Press*. I know men who cannot hear you two feet away, though you bawl at them; yet at the distance of a block they will grasp your faintest whisper. Some are deaf for convenience, some for fraud, some for hypocrisy. Beware of the sham deaf man. One of these was old Matt Griffin, long ago an Assembly man from Delaware County. By courtesy, deaf members received front seats in the Assembly, while others usually draw lots. When old Matt was excused from drawing, a fellow member hotly protested.

"But the old man is a deaf as a post," said the House-leader.

"Deaf!" exclaimed the protestant, "Matt Griffin deaf! Why, bless your honest soul, he could hear a ten-cent piece rattle in a bag of feathers!"

St. Louis

SOME enterprising candy manufacturer has hit upon a simple and novel method of extending a general knowledge of the manual alphabet by having the letters printed on candy tablets to be given away by bakers and grocers to their children customers. The child is likely to study the printed character on the candy before putting it in his mouth and in course of time will learn to know all of the manual letters, what they mean, and how to make them. This plan could be enlarged indefinitely and include cookies, crackers, chewing gum and other things so dear to the childish palate. It might also catch the eye of children of a larger growth if printed on soap, milk stopper bottles or the universal Duke's Mixture tags.

The eighteenth anniversary supper, bazar and social of the St. Thomas' Mission was given at the Parish House, 1210 Locust street, on the evening of May 30th, the anniversary of the organization of the Mission. Mrs.



THE REV. JOHN HENRY KEISER
Assistant, St. Ann's Episcopal Church for the Deaf, N. Y.

Cloud had charge of the affair and was assisted by Misses Susman, Steidmann, Flaskamper, Herdman, Molloy, Mesdames Froman, Whitaker, Steigleman, Udall, Theurer, and Wright. Mr. Pilcher made a donation of carnations fresh from his greenhouse and they were sold for a good sum. Cash donations and articles for the bazar were received from Misses Roper, Steidmann, Herdman, Mooney, Harden, Flaskamper, Molloy, Klug, Knickel, Voigt, Mesdames Bremer and her sister, Steigleman, Cloud, Udall, England, Rodenberger, Chenery, Schneider, Jackson Fromanach, Bajon, Burgherr, Wright, Whitaker, Harden, Knost, Messrs. Steidmann, Stumpe, Schnabelius, Hunter, Miller, Harden, Cloud and others. The affair was the best attended and most successful of its kind in the history of the mission. The Rev. G. F. Flick, of Chicago, was present and officiated twice on the following day to appreciative audiences at St. Thomas'. Rev. Mr. Flick is no stranger in St. Louis—having been the observed of all observers as the official photographer of the conventions of the World's Fair time.

Gallaudet School closed its twenty-ninth annual session June 12th with appropriate exercises. Miss Jennie Susman and Mr. Russell Handley, graduates, expect to enter Gallaudet College next fall. The enrollment for the past year is the largest in the history of the school. The annual school picnic at Carondelet Park on June 4th was a patrons' affair, which means that no pains were spared to give the pupils a good time with plenty to eat and to drink and prizes galore.

Of the Gallaudet School teachers Miss Steidmann spends the first half of her vaca-

tion in Boston; Miss Roper, in South Dakota, via Omaha, and Miss Herdman at her home in Taylorville, Ill.

Mr. Douglas Tilden had an interesting write-up of the history of pioneer deaf-mute education in the *San Francisco Monitor* of awhile ago.

Mrs. Stocksick, Misses Molloy, Burow and Herdman constitute the newly elected officers of the St. Louis Gallaudet Union for the ensuing year. The Union will give its annual picnic at Carondelet Park next Labor Day. The next meeting will be on the third Friday in September at 1210 Locust street.

The *Silent Churchman* has made its reappearance with the Rev. G. F. Flick, 1059 East 55 Street, Chicago, as managing editor. The printing is done by Mr. E. S. Waring, at Grinnell, Iowa, and is a neat job. The paper is one of merit and, as it fills a long-felt want in its special field, its possibilities for usefulness are unlimited. The subscription price is twenty-five cents a year—just enough to pay the actual cost of printing and postage. It is issued monthly.

Mr. Alexander Wright, warden of St. Thomas' Mission, and Mrs. Wright were tendered a surprise party the other evening by their numerous friends, headed by Mrs. Martin Fromanach. The guests left a handsome mantle clock as a memento of the good time they had that evening.

The firm of architects with which Mr. A. O. Steidmann is connected is at work on plans for branch public libraries donated St. Louis by Mr. Andrew Carnegie.

Mrs. M. English, whose late husband taught for many years at the state school for the deaf at Fulton, returned to the city recently and was tendered a reception at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Froning. The reception was largely attended and an elegant supper served.

Miss Annie Cousland, who visited in Egypt a few months ago, told of her trip to that wonderful land, and illustrated her talk with lantern slides, at St. Thomas' Mission recently—Miss Herdman interpreting.

The annual picnic given under the auspices of the local Home Fund Committee will be at O'Fallon Park on July 4th. A strawberry festival for the benefit of the Home Fund was recently given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Berwin.

Judging from the accounts which have appeared in the papers from time to time, the Rev. John H. Keiser, assistant at St. Ann's, New York, is making good in a difficult field of work.

Little Katherine Terry, of Marionville, has been seriously ill and for a time her recovery was doubtful. Latest reports say she safely passed through the most critical period of her illness and it is hoped that she will soon be entirely well again.

The population of Carthage has been increased by the addition of another son to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo H. Rothert. *Delenda non est Carthago.*

Mr. Edward Whitaker and Miss Emma Schum stole away to Quincy, recently, and got married. Their numerous friends extend congratulations and best wishes. J. H. C.

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Invidious

THE card of invitation we have received to the commencement of a southern school, contains the somewhat unusual notice that the boxes are all reserved for white people.

Our Convention

LUCKILY for us, our convention was an in-door meet, for the storm-Gods ruled, and everything planned for the out-of-doors went "agley," the occasion was to us a glorious one, fraught with lots of interest, lots of value to our pupils and graduates, and lots of recreation and enjoyment to all. Had the weather been the finest possible, our day could scarce have been more to us in any way.

Surgical Skill

ANOTHER triumph of surgery has been added to the already long list achieved by a Philadelphia hospital. To have cured "dementia footballiensis" would have been a signal victory, but when the grave symptoms of this dread disease are complicated with "left lateral homonymous hemianopsia and hemitaxia," we can understand how serious the condition was, and how much skill must have been required to effect "a complete cure."

Bon Voyage

ONE of the prettiest home weddings of the year was that solemnized by the Rev. Dr. Johnson Miner, assisted by Mr. Walker, in the city of Flemington, on the afternoon of the 3rd inst. The happy groom was Mr. Charles Hummer and the pretty bride Miss Bessie Sutphin, the former of Jersey City, and the latter a resident of the town in which the ceremony was performed, both graduates of our school. The nuptial knot was tied under a bower of smilax and roses which had been reared in the parlor, and flowers and greens, from loving hands, entwined the stair-

way and were everywhere in profusion. The spacious halls and rooms were thronged with relatives and friends of the happy pair, and a profusion of beautiful gifts testified to the tender esteem of the invited ones. After a brief sojourn at the City by the Sea, Mr. and Mrs. Hummer will take up their residence in Jersey City, where a beautiful new home awaits their coming.

Not Worrying

It is all very well to talk of laying all worry aside and going through life without a care, but who, that ever attained anything, has succeeded in doing this? Is it not necessary, in order that we may achieve, that we give thought to what we are doing, that we carefully weigh chances, and is there not always more or less of care attached to this consideration? Show us a consistent member of the "Don't Worry Club" and it is more than likely that we will be able to show you one who is of little account in life.

To be Remembered

PARENTS will kindly remember that school begins on Wednesday, Sep. 16th, that our school is very much crowded and that those who come late are liable to find their places filled. If, after the repeated cautions that have been given, there are any who are obliged to remain home during the coming term they will have no one to blame but themselves. It will be a matter of "first come, first served" and we cannot possibly reserve places for any one. We would also, again, call parents' attention to the fact that the only serious accidents that have occurred, of late years, have been during the summer vacations, while children were at home, and ask them to exercise special care over the little ones during that period. To all our boys and girls we wish a healthy and happy summer and one after which they will return to us refreshed and invigorated, and in every way prepared for the sober duties of the fall campaign.

There is Hope

It is now Dr. Albert Jansen, of Berlin, one of the greatest eye and ear surgeons in the world, who has out of pure mercy and without price, operated upon two deaf children of the tenements and effected complete cures. The parents, hearing of his wonderful success, wrote him pathetic letters, telling of the great affliction that had befallen their little ones, and begging him to assist them. The boy, William Simpson, eight years old had been deaf from babyhood, but could distinguish a very loud noise like the "crash of a base-drum" if it occurred close to his ear. The girl, Marian Stuhler, had lost her hearing from abscesses in the ear and was unable to hear the loudest sound. The operations were performed at St. Luke's hospital, in Chicago, in the presence of twenty-five physicians of that city and both children now hear perfectly. We trust this is all true and that Dr. Jansen will be willing to extend his

skill to all of the deaf children of the tenements and to all the deaf children of our land, and that he will have similar success in every case; but we have had our hopes raised so often, only to have them dashed to earth, that we would not deem it advisable for any of our schools for the deaf to close their doors just yet.

Greatly to Be Regretted

A VERY much lessened appropriation has had the effect of wiping out the whole industrial department of the Mississippi School and of very much crippling its intellectual training, and the usefulness of the school will be largely gone for the year to come. Desperate financial conditions in the state, alone, could have caused this legislation and it is sincerely to be hoped that another year may bring adequate provision for every requirement.

Stars in Our Crown

We point with pleasure and pride to our illustrations this month, first because they show improvement in the half-tone work of our boys, and, second, because they depict conditions showing improvement in our work in all directions. Especially to be noted is the fine physical condition of our children, a circumstance of which we are especially proud as upon this hinges everything; but all else is keeping apace with it; and so to the cry of the watchmen, of the legislative bodies who rule our destinies, when they ask, "what of the night?" we think we may safely say that "all is well."

A New Comer

DOES No. 1, Vol. 1 of the *Stylus* published at the Berkeley School, California, mean that the *Berkeley News* that we have known so long and well, and that we have loved so much is to be no more? We knew that the *News* had had a somewhat precarious existence of late, but had hoped to see it on its feet and in its old form again. It would be a matter of universal regret among schools for the deaf to see so good a little paper make its final exit.

An Age Limit

By a ruling of the Board of Education of Chicago, no person more than fifty years of age will be appointed to a position as teacher in that city. The ground was taken largely because of an opinion coming from the Superintendent's office that this age limit appears to be the point at which the mental and physical vigor of teachers has begun to decline. The hand-writing on the wall is such that running we may read, and the wise teacher instead of living right up to the last cent of his income will exercise a reasonable forethought and lay aside something for the rainy season, which now sets in so early.

Unmindful

THE southern school that vaunts itself that it has but three holidays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and May Day, during the term, loses sight of the fact that it does not begin its term until October, thus getting an extra month in the fall.

School and City

Bye-bye, *Alma Mater!*

There's no place like home.

Only twelve weeks till school opens.

Mr. Walker's coat-tails will now have a rest.

Fourteen new dresses were finished by the dress-making department last week.

The Infirmary which stood us in such good need a month ago, is of no use whatever now.

The Woodward and Hays maples and the Seymour red beach are all developing into royal beauties.

Maude Thompson's longing to hear what the wild waves are saying will soon be satisfied.

Adela Silberman hopes to have her ambition to ride in an automobile satisfied this summer.

Miss Hazel Myers will spend her summer in Europe. She will sail on the fourth of July.

Mr. Sharp brought back a great bunch of mountain laurel from his woodland trip, on Saturday.

The boys and girls had their second ice cream "treat" on Decoration Day and all did ample justice to it.

Mr. Lloyd's story of the Civil War in chapel was one of the most successful renditions ever given by him.

Among the interesting events of the summer will be a party given by Mamie German to her neighboring school friends.

Our roses were at their height a little too early for the closing day, a pity, for they were never more profuse or beautiful.

The young ladies from the State Normal School are frequent visitors to our school, and always seem deeply interested.

Irvin Hermann has become greatly interested in our truck patch. He says that perhaps he will be a farmer after leaving school.

One of the particular reasons why Maude Thompson wishes to get home is that she wants to see Neddy. Now, who is Neddy?

Thursday a week was "strawberry day" and the children had their usual feast of the luscious fruit.

Our little botanists bring home armfuls of curious flowers and ferns every time they go abroad.

Miss Tilson and Miss Wood spent Friday at the Mount Airy school, and report having had a delightful visit.

William Henry, of Hoboken, expects to visit his friend, William Henry, of Millville, an ex-pupil of our school, during the summer.

Mr. Johnson finds it difficult to keep the children supplied with diabolos spools these bright days, so many are worn out.

To those of our children who live on farms, it will now be a case of "taking up" instead of "lying down" the shovel and the hoe.

A splendid bunch of magnolias, obtained by Mr. Newcomb from a swamp out near Mercerville, now decorates the children's table.

You cannot frighten Hans Hansen by asking him to show his ability to speak. He rather likes a public appearance.

A number of turtle's eggs were among the curiosities discovered by the party of nature students who went to Spring Lake Park, on Thursday.

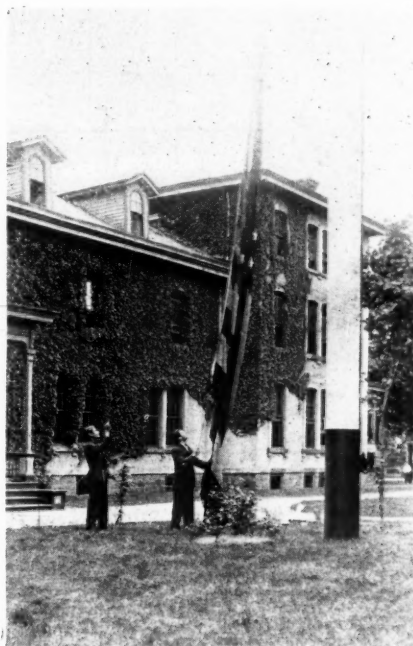
The classes in Millinery and Embroidery spent Saturday afternoon at Cadwalader Park, accompanied by their teacher, Miss Stevenson.

Louisa Duer's resemblance to an Indian girl has been remarked by more than one, since she has gotten to combing her raven black hair so flat.

Over a thousand pairs of shoes have been repaired in the shoe-making department, during the past year, and one hundred fifty-five new pairs have been turned out.

The centre of all home joys to Mary Winger is her little brother. She will be with him in a few days, and then Mary's happiness will be complete.

A recent photograph shows Charles Quigley and Willie Henry in the act of raising "Old Glory," on Memorial Day, and both boys look as if their whole soul was in the task.



RAISING "OLD GLORY."

Being unable to gratify their ambitions for automobiles, Clarence Spencer and Isaac Lowe have taken up pedestrianism and a five-mile spin is a common occurrence with them.

Our lecture last Sunday morning upon honoring our father and our mother was a particularly appropriate one, coming as it did upon the eve of our departure for home.

A fine big bunch of radishes raised by the class in agriculture was presented to the "household" on Friday and, fine and fresh as they were, were greatly appreciated by all.

When Ruth Ramshaw discovered a diminutive sore-eyed kitten in the grove one day last week she thought she had found just the thing to relieve us of our rats.

Mary Sommers has had a pressing invitation to spend the summer with Annie Mayer, and her address will doubtless be Swedesboro, during the next two months.

We are all fond of pets, but nobody is particularly pleased with the half dozen big rodents that have made their home under our basement floor and who are so tame that you can almost pick them up in your hand.

We expected his Excellency Gov. Fort to be with us at our Closing Exercises and undoubtedly would have had him had it not been that affairs of state required his presence in Chicago at that time.

The last trip of the Senior section as a nature study class was made last week. Dr. Abbott's place was their base of operations, and it is needless to say that there was not an uninteresting moment.

Five half fledged robins dropped upon the lawn on Wednesday morning. They were probably of two broods, as they had two pairs of old ones with them. They kept all four busy digging worms at that.

One of the finest products of the wood-working department, during the year, has been a five-shelved mahogany cabinet. The material is all selected stuff and the workmanship would do credit to any cabinet-maker in the land.

Master Blake, in writing of our school some time ago, said, "the boys' favorite dish is beans," referring no doubt to the baked beans we always have for a dish on Friday. Our steward, Mr. Hearn, learned this fact long since.

The number of stories that Miss Wood is able to tell about the robin has been a matter of great surprise to Alfred Shaw. By the way, Alfred's penmanship is not half so good as it would be if he took pains.

Eliza Smith has always been so matter-of-fact, that nobody suspected that she had any artistic sense; but the bird she evolved with two or three bits of colored crayon, last week, shows that we were all mistaken, and that she has a good eye for the beautiful.

At noon-hour, when there is no likelihood of having an audience outside of the small boys, the larger ones give little plays. The stories of hold-ups which are held dear by all boys seem to be the most popular.

A party of the older pupils visited Hill's bakery, on Friday afternoon. They had a full explanation of the processes followed in making bread, by Mr. Hill himself, and had all the machinery that is used particularly described to them.

Theodore Eggert's father has found remunerative and healthful occupation in Cincinnati, and the family will remove there in the fall. While they will be missed by a large circle of friends, everybody will rejoice in Mr. Eggert's good fortune.

Vallie Gunn and Frieda Heuser make us think of the cat that has had the cream when they come out of the centre kitchen. They generally turn in and assist with the work and as a result, some delicacy is always theirs; and besides they are learning a lot of useful things.

It is amusing to watch the children telling of what they want to be when they grow up. Most of the boys are ambitious to be fine linotype operators, half-tone engravers, woodworkers or shoe-makers. Raymond Carney, however, would not be satisfied with any of these. His ambition is to be a policeman.

The trip of the Berks Co. Natural Science Society to Bowman's Hill was a most enjoyable one, in every way. The trolley ride to Yardley is a fine one, and the ten-mile trip on the canal is through a district that is replete with every beauty of nature. The dinner at the old Nealy homestead, the trip up the brook, the exploration of the cave, and the lectures in the glen were most enjoyable. Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. Sharp and Miss Vail represented the New Jersey Society.

Basket-Ball Teams of the New Jersey School



SENIOR TEAM.



JUNIOR TEAM.

THE second team of the New Jersey School for the Deaf closed its season with 24 victories out of 26 games played. The team was managed by Carmine W. Pace, and was considered the strongest amateur club in this vicinity. The team lost one game to Pennington and tied one with Y. M. C. A. Jrs.

The team's players were: W. Hedden, captain; W. Throckmorton and V. Metzler, forwards; R. Logan, center; I. Lowe and H. Dixon, guards.

RECORD OF THE JUNIOR TEAM.

Silent Worker, Jrs., 49; Walklett A. C., 10.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 42; Waldron A. C., 12.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 17; Breyer A. C., 14.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 55; Elmer A. C., 16.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 67; Capple A. C., 9.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 23; Breyer A. C., 12.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 51; Olivetts, 16.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 61; Walkletts, 21.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 31; Olivetts, 25.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 5; Breyer A. C., 0.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 27; Y. M. C. A., Jrs., 16.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 48; Olivetts, 15.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 80; Walkletts, 15.

Silent Worker, Jrs., 87; Roeblings, 15.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 28; Hamiltons, 25.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 11; Y. M. C. A., Jrs., 11.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 64; Capple A. C., 9.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 35; Lloyd A. C., 20.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 5; Lloyd, 0.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 130; C Class, 24.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 49; Trenton Boys, 17.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 70; C Class, 8.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 43; Pennington, 3d, 2.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 66; Tiger A. C., 15.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 32; Connor A. C., 30.
Silent Worker, Jrs., 23; Pennington, Jrs., 24.

Total runs scored by Silent Workers, 1,199; by opponents, 374.

RECORD OF THE SENIOR TEAM.

Silent Workers, 35; Steiners, 15.
Silent Workers, 24; Breyers, 7.
Silent Workers, 19; Coil Winders, 15.
Silent Workers, 29; Gazettes, 18.
Silent Workers, 33; Pennington, 44.
Silent Workers, 66; All Stars, 15.
Silent Workers, 32; Marshalls, 11.
Silent Workers, 41; Trenton Times, 6.

Silent Workers, 45; Trenton Times, 10.
Silent Workers, 5; White A. C., 0.
Silent Workers, 70; Connors A. C., 15.
Silent Workers, 72; Elmer, 24.
Silent Workers, 56; Clinton, 18.
Silent Workers, 33; Rees A. C., 3.
Silent Workers, 57; Pennington, 15.
Silent Workers, 19; White, 14.
Silent Workers, 132; Roebling A. C., 17.
Silent Workers, 60; Walkletts A. C., 10.

Total runs scored by Silent Workers, 828; by opponents, 281.

The team's players were: C. Pace, Captain; W. Cole and W. Throckmorton, forwards; F. Waltz, center; W. Henry, W. Stocker and J. Hetzel, guards.

The girls of the school have always taken a deep interest in basket-ball and all other healthful gymnastic exercise, and while they have played among themselves in private, it was not until the past season that they picked up courage to give public exhibitions. A number of exhibition games that were played by them were thoroughly enjoyed by the on-lookers.



GIRLS' FIRST TEAM.

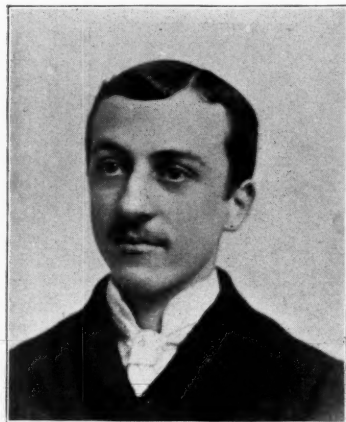
V. Gunn, captain; M. Sieben, forwards; M. Griffith, centre; M. Hanlon, A. Bissett and S. Pearose, guards.



GIRLS' SECOND TEAM.

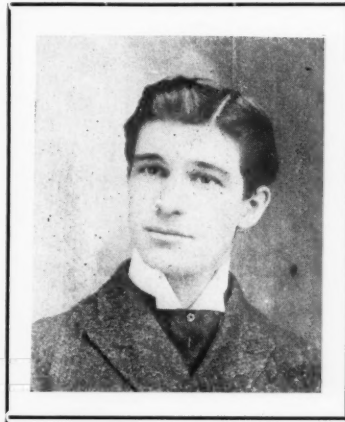
F. Heuser, captain; L. Duer, forwards; H. Alexander, centre; L. Stasset, C. Van Sickle and M. Thompson, guards.

Some of New Jersey's Successful Deaf



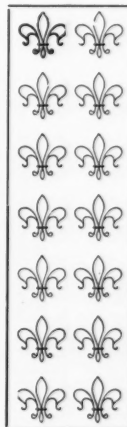
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HARRY S. SMITH,

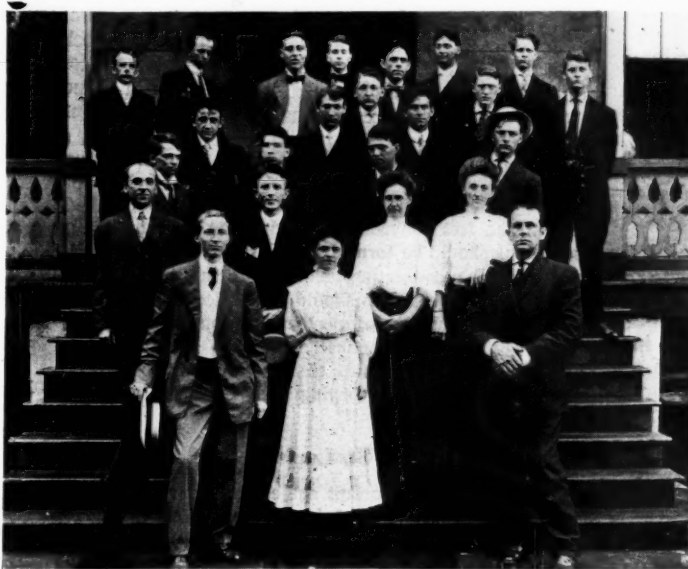
Job Compositor with Beers and Frey, Trenton, N. J.

THE accompanying picture was taken at the recent convention of the New Jersey Association. It represents some of the ex-pupils who learned to set type in the printing office of the New Jersey School, most of whom are still following the trade, and in spite of the hard times, not one is out of employment. Those appearing in the picture are: Henry Hester, press feeder, New York; George Penrose, press feeder, Crescent Embossing Co., Plainfield, N. J.; Charles Casella, press feeder, Newark, N. J.; Harry Redman, press feeder, Plum Co., Newark, N. J.; Charles Stevens, harness-maker, Somerville, N. J.; Eddie Daubner, Singer Sewing machine worker, Elizabeth, N. J.; Frank Winters, electrician, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Benjamin Schornstein, press feeder, Plum Co., Newark, N. J.; Fred Bouton, job compositor, Newark, N. J.; Luigi Pugliese, press feeder, Baker Co., Newark, N. J.; Wesley Breese, Photo-engraver, State Gazette Pub. Co., Trenton, N. J.; William Bennison, potter, Trenton, N. J.; R. C. Stephenson, potter, Trenton, N. J.; Wallace Cook, Curtis Pub. Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; Marvin Hunt, job com-

positor, McCrellish and Quigley Co., Trenton, N. J.; Paul Kees, job compositor, Newark, N. J.; George Wainwright, Roebling wire worker, Trenton, N. J.; and Henry Herbst.

The three young ladies in the group are

Misses Ethel Collins, of Barnegat; Mrs. Wm. Bennison, and Grace Appgar, of Trenton. They formed a class of six girls, about ten years ago, but the time spent in learning type-setting was so limited that they all turned to dressmaking upon leaving school. However, they have always shown a keen interest in the art. The only one in the group that would seem out of place is Prof. R. B. Lloyd, a teacher of national reputation. He insisted on appearing in the group, because a number of years ago he learned how to "stick type" under Mr. Porter's instruction.



A FEW EX-PUPILS WHO USED TO SET TYPE FOR THE SILENT WORKER.

Mr. Smith, besides being a first-class job compositor, is an expert with the "rod and reel" as well as with the gun, and when the spirit moves him, he can write entertaining articles on fishing and kindred sports. His pen name is "Bob White" and during the early spring he contributed frequently to the *Trenton Evening Times*.

Mr. R. C. Stephenson was, a number of years ago, a professional ball player, and distinguished himself by making frequent "home runs." Space forbids further comment.



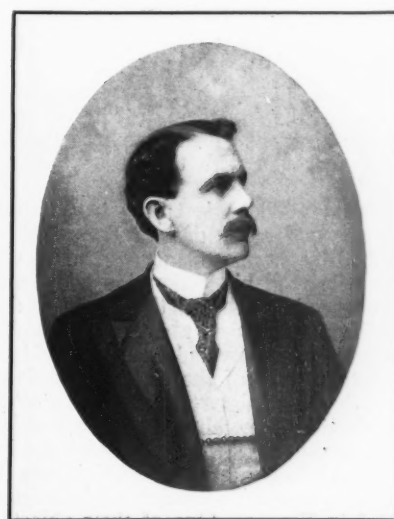
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Potter, Trenton, N. J.

Mrs. Barrett Replies to Mr. Morin

LOYALTY to a favorite Society is a beautiful thing, but it need not prevent us from seeing the good in other societies.

Now what was there in my simple statement of a bald fact in the *Deaf-Mutes' Journal* to give any one the impression that I was opposed to the N. F. S. D.? I said "the N. F. S. D. is all right in its own particular line, but it does not admit women to membership." Now comes Mr. Philip Morin and "most frankly" accuses me of such horrid things as "spite and prejudice," "lack of fraternal feelings," "arraying class against class," etc. After reading an article like Mr. Morin's we sigh mournfully, and hum the sad refrain "The Public must be educated regarding the N. A. D. and the Federation."

Of course, I am aware that few secret societies admit women to membership. However, the hearing Order of Americans of California admits both deaf men and women to the Gallaudet Assembly.

One of the valued members of the N. F. S. D. is also a member of President Veditz's Federation Committee. I say *valued*, because he made a speech at Norfolk, praising the N. F. S. D., explaining its benefits, etc. Yet he must also favor a Federation of State Associations or he would not have accepted appointment on the Federation Committee.

Mr. Morin accuses me of "lacking fraternal feelings," because while on the N. A. D. Executive Committee, I voted to have a sum of money given to the deaf of a certain city to be used in a fight they were having with oralists. This reminds me that not long ago a Frat, who is a correspondent of the *WORKER*, used words something like this:—"Rah! a wringing of pure oralism." This gentleman could give Mr. Morin lots of information about the fight in the nameless city.

Personally, I would be pleased to see a Division of the N. F. S. D. established in Omaha. That city has a deaf population of a hundred or more, among them quite a number of single young men, nearly all of whom have good positions. I have at different times asked two clergymen (one hearing and the other deaf) to establish a Mission in South Omaha. These ministers hold occasional services in Omaha and Council Bluffs, but I thought a separate service in South Omaha would be more alluring to the residents of that section.

I can appreciate the good work done by Mr. Francis P. Gibson in organizing and making a success of the N. F. S. D. He ranks with Mr. Edwin A. Hodgson, who founded the N. A. D. Both of these men are benefactors of the American deaf in having founded organizations which have brought good and come in touch with the lives of many deaf people.

Douglas Tilden is trying to do something *greater and more difficult* than that accomplished by these two men. Anyone who has carefully read his Federation Plan, must see that when it is adopted, the American deaf will be lifted to a higher degree of intelligence, usefulness, activity and fraternity. Mr. Morin said that some of the state associations were very dry and uninteresting affairs. Well, then isn't it time something was done to rejuvenate them and make them more useful and interesting? In one of my *Journal* letters I commented on The Federation of Societies for the Deaf in France. One of their objects is "to assist such societies as have difficulty in developing themselves." The French Federation, when first established, consisted of only five societies. Now, however, there are a

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smoak, of Virginia



HERBERT R. SMOAK



MISS CORNELIA J. C. LINDER

These two popular deaf people were married early in June.

large number of societies belonging to that Federation.

From the tone of Mr. Morin's article I judge that he has forgotten that many of our leading deaf men have at various times expressed themselves as favoring a federation. So, as a gentle reminder, I desire to make a few extracts from speeches made at N. A. D. conventions:

Olof Hanson at St. Paul, 1899:

As suggested in the President's (Dr. Fox) address at the last convention, a federation of state associations should be formed, the National Association serving as a connecting link and directing forces for all. State associations should be entitled to vote according to the number of members, on condition of paying, say, ten cents annually for each member. They should send delegates to the National Convention, with or without paying their expenses, as each might decide.

President Smith at St. Louis, 1904:

One of the most important subjects for our consideration is that embodied in the report of the Committee on Federation of the Deaf. No thoughtful student of the history and work of the National Association thus far can fail to conclude that the Association is not so strong as it might be, that it is not doing the work it could do. It lacks permanency and solidarity of membership. It is too largely controlled by local influences at the different conventions. It is to be hoped that some plan of re-organization can be formulated whereby the state associations can be united with the National Association under a general representation at national conventions, thus doing away with local preponderance. Such a union would be productive of *strength* in many years.

President Veditz at St. Louis, 1904:

(After reading of papers about the deaf in France)
*** The French deaf are showing us the way in the matter of the federation of the deaf, and are suggesting lines of action upon which we may shape our own course, although the ends we have in view are more advanced than theirs.

President Veditz at St. Louis, 1907:

I would first call your attention to the report the Committee on Federation. From the first the founders of our Association have never been satisfied as to its composition and character. All felt that it was more of a local and less of a national organization; that its conventions were colored more than they

should be by the soil on which they were held. But while they thus felt that something was wanting, no remedy was offered. The present Committee on Federation, in its report, ventures to present what it believes will be a solution of the problem. Alterations and improvements in phraseology and other such minor considerations will suggest themselves, but the fundamental idea of making the Association a great National Federation of State Associations, instead of a fluctuating union of individuals, should be preserved.

The convention here assembled has it within its power to transform the Association, from the bantering that it has so far been, to a giant possessed of virile vigor and the ability to dare and accomplish things worthy of a national organization. I would urge that no adjournment be taken until this question of federation has been satisfactorily disposed of.

Hoping I have proved to Mr. Morin that I am not actuated by spite and prejudice, and not lacking in fraternal feelings, I am,

Cordially yours,

AUGUSTA K. BARRETT.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.

The Gallaudets Win

The Order of Americans, of which our friend Douglas Tilden, is Second-Vice-President, has a deaf-mute branch called Gallaudet No. 14. In the competitive Whist Tournament between the different assemblies, the Gallaudets won the championship prize—\$50 American Standard. Speaking of the event, the official organ of the association says:

"Seeing that the Gallaudet Assembly is composed entirely of deaf and dumb members, their victory over the whole of the speaking Assemblies is the more noticeable and praiseworthy. The members of the winning Assembly has now decided to make the occasion of the presentation and acceptance of the beautiful American Standard an evening long to be remembered in the annals of The Americans, particulars of which will be given in our next issue.

"Gallaudet, No. 14, you have won the Standard; you deserve the prize; see that it inspires you to greater conquests. Accept our hearty congratulations."

E. B. Earnest Wins Medal at Wrestling.

On April 20, E. B. Earnest, of Jersey City, won the middleweight wrestling championship of Peoples' Palace. The prize was a gold medal.

Chicago

THE Chicago *Record-Herald* of May 31 had a page, illustrated article from the pen of Robert H. Moulton on "At School and At Play with Helen Keller." Mr. Moulton, of whom, by the way, we have heard very little for several years past, treats his subject from a personal standpoint and makes his story one dealing with his own experience while at school with Helen Keller.

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The many Chicago friends of Supt. S. T. Walker, of the Louisiana School—and they are legion—regret to hear of his retirement from the profession, as is announced to take place in September, and sincerely trust that he will find in the rest he proposes to take renewed energies and be able to again don the harness of his life's work—a harness which he has worn is not likely to be claimed by anyone else and there is no question about its being ready for him to assume whenever he feels able to, there always being a demand for such wheel-horses like the Walker brand.

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With the Trenton and Mt. Airy schools teaching the operation of the linotype to the pupils in the printing offices, and several other schools talking of introducing the same innovation, it would be a good idea for either of them to prepare a booklet showing the names and business addresses of the deaf who follow the trade successfully. It would go a long way towards encouraging the boys and also show prospective employers what results have already been accomplished.

Among the latest notices we have seen of deaf men following this trade is the statement that Walter Redmond is operating a machine in the office of the *Racine (Wis.) Journal*.

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The Saxton Manufacturing, Co., of Fairfield, Illinois, makers of underwear are advertising for 150 deaf girls to take positions in their factory. They tried several and were so well pleased that they have decided to fill the factory with deaf girls if they can secure them.—*Kentucky Standard*.

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What a treat the pupils of the Ohio School must have had when their supervisor "treated each to a stick of chewing gum" in celebration of his birthday. The consequent rumination must have increased his popularity quite a little, and the "sight" that particular day must have been worth the money—to see all those jaws working in unison on the cud of contentment.

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It takes lots of courage to start a paper for the deaf and when one came out with the word for its name—*Courage*, of New York—there were many who hoped it had come to stay and not go the way many another has gone, where the woodbine twineth. The news of its suspension of publication now comes through the deaf press and once again the question arises whether the deaf have as yet been educated up to the point of appreciating publications of their very own. When one looks back at the wrecks strewn along the shores of the sea of journalism laden with the best products of the brains and hearts of crews and skippers who were not deterred by that dread saying about hell being paved with good intentions, one can but think that the appreciation of courage, whether physical or of one's convictions, is but a drug on the market, as far as the deaf are concerned.

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The recent incendiary attempt to destroy the Clarke school, which was luckily frustrated by the discovery of the blaze by a deaf boy pupil in one of the classes for the deaf, has been given quite a little publicity and the youngster was made quite a hero, the dailies giving him credit for the warning of some 1,700 pupils who would have most likely been caught in a trap had the fire gained headway. The Collinwood disaster was too fresh in the minds of the public to allow the happening to pass unnoticed as it would have been were things not so much on edge and the agitation for safer school houses, which that holocaust and other like attempts have caused, its bearing good fruit.

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Supt. Driggs, of the Utah school, in the attractions promised for the coming teachers' convention, has outdone the N. A. D.'s press agent. Pike's Peak or Bust is put in the shade by the "annual bath" promised those attending the Ogden meeting.

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In a press dispatch from Fertile, Iowa, in the Chicago dailies of May 29 is chronicled the usual "unique sign-language marriage ceremony," but something new is given in the statement that the officiating clergyman, O. J. Ojerdlund, "is also a mute." We wonder who this recent addition to our clergy can be. The locality may have aided the correspondent's imagination.

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We have noted that many of our state schools possess moving picture machines and sometime ago we "wondered" in this column if it were not possible to photograph and use in these machines addresses, or other entertainments, given in the sign-language. For instance, an address by Dr. Gallaudet; one of Mr. Jones', of New York, inimitables; parts of the Flint Shakespearean entertainments, etc., and with the proper exchange of films so delight the pupils, and the adult deaf too, with such reproductions. The pantomime in many of the films now being used seems clear enough to promise that our own sign-language could be depicted with as much fidelity. What a drawing card in communities of the deaf films taken from the Colorado Springs convention would prove! The official photographer of that event, whoever he may be, is welcome to the suggestion. Such films shown in all the larger cities, the school cities and the schools themselves would draw audiences to delight the promoters, while the audiences themselves would surely get their money's worth.

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At the risk of being thought the possessor of an ax to grind, we desire to remark that Messrs. Morin and Maynard are in one way mistaken in their idea of the N. F. S. D.—N. A. D. situation. The two organizations are distinctively different in their objects and no wish to talk federations has been shown by the officers of either—both have their work cut out for them and can do it if the "let us alone" policy is allowed them. However, there is no gainsaying that both would benefit were more individual members of the one also members of the other and both be the better for the era of complete understanding and good feeling such transfusions would bring.

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Speaking of the N. A. D.—to a bystander and, at the same time, to one with its welfare at heart, it looks as if the triennial discussions and recriminations indulged in after each convention were not conducive to its attaining the goal it hopes for. Why, in the name of all that is good, can not the disputes which have ever since Norfolk been before the read-

ropped, at least until 1910? At Colorado Springs those matters could be settled *where they should be*, in meeting assembled, and the convention itself pass judgment and, if necessary, sit on the corpse. Surely it is time it had a decent burial even if the inquest has to be postponed. "Henri du Pre" has said he is ready to quit; our St. Louis friends will have a vacation for the next two months; *ditto* the *Companion*. Call off the dogs of war and "let us have peace." In the meantime let it be Pike's Peak—and a busted bloody shirt decently put away to wave no more.

F. P. GIBSON.

Louisiana

FOR three whole days, beginning on May 27th, and ending on the 29th, the former pupils of the Louisiana State School for the Deaf held a most enjoyable reunion at their *alma mater*.

This was the first chance many had had in fifty years to meet together and renew ties of friendship and recall old times. There were about eighty in attendance.

On the last day of the meeting the following officers were elected to serve for the next three years:

President—Grey G. Barham.

First Vice-President—Elmer Berry.

Second Vice-President—Gervais Gaiennie.

Secretary—Joseph A. Mashaw.

Treasurer—Charles M. Holden.

The proceedings consisted mostly of reminiscences of by-gone days. Supt. Walker made a most happy address of welcome and many letters of regret were received from friends and former pupils who were unable to be present.

A number of resolutions were passed. The first was:

"We heartily indorse the movement to have the corporate name of this State educational institution changed to 'The Louisiana State School for Deaf.'"

The second:

WHEREAS, Prof. S. T. Walker has, during the past four years, proven his efficiency in the management of the Louisiana State School for the Deaf; and,

WHEREAS, He has expressed himself as desirous of being relieved of the duties as superintendent; be it

Resolved, That we commend the action of the Board of Trustees in requesting him to reconsider said resignation; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Louisiana Association of the Deaf, in convention assembled, earnestly hope he will reconsider his resignation, and in the event of his reappointment he will accept the same."

The third:

"*Resolved*, That in the event of the passage of a compulsory educational law, the General Assembly will include the deaf in the same."

A number of other resolutions were passed also.

In order to show their high regard for Prof. Walker, the members of the association presented him with a magnificent watch charm. Mr. Walker was taken completely by surprise. It was with difficulty that he could express his gratitude for the gift.

Miss Sarah Hereford, for many years supervisor of girls and instructor of needlework and loved by all, was presented with a very beautiful bracelet by the ladies, who were in attendance at the reunion.

This reunion will always be one of the pleasantest occasions in the lives of those who were so fortunate as to be present. T.



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Editorial

The way to build up the Society is to build it up and the best bricks in the building of the structure are new members.

Our correspondents are asked to have the news intended for the August *Frat* sent in so it will reach this office by July 10.

If you take a vacation this summer don't forget to pack in your suit-case all your arguments to use on those non-frat friends of yours.

All things do not come to him who waits. If you



SENOPHILE BROSSEAU,
Director of Bay City Division.

want a friend's application for membership you have to go after it.—*National Union*.

Our Society was originally organized in June 1901 so it could celebrate its seventh birthday this month if the anniversaries were observed.

There will be no issue of the *SILENT WORKER* during August and September. Our members will receive *The Frat* direct from headquarters for those two months.

"Every member get a member." But for fear that some may not live up to this injunction, the reader is affectionately exhorted to get five or six members.—*National Union*.

Division Secretaries are asked to send a complete list of new officers elected at the coming Division elections to this office as soon as the election has been held; also give dates of regular meetings and place of meeting.

Owing to the early date of going to press this month it is not possible to print the "List of New Applications" for this month. The August issue of *The Frat*, which will be printed before August 1, will give the list as registered since May 15.

If our members expect to receive their paper regularly they should see that their addresses are on its mail-list correctly. Notice of a change, removal or correction should be sent in at once to Mr. Gibson whenever necessary. A postal card will do the work and save complaints all around.

The ladies of Columbus Division have organized an auxiliary whose object is to aid the Division in the various local entertainments, etc., given under its auspices—and it is safe to say that its members are as enthusiastic auxiliary frats as they can be. The idea is a good one and the other Divisions would be the better for adopting it.

*** They [the deaf] are *one as a class*, bound together by similar interests, similar handicaps, similar deprivations, and, whatever might be said to the contrary, a common language; a class for which there should exist less than for any other such artificial dividing lines as state or sectional boundaries, and which should be united into one great fraternity.—*George W. Veditz*.

*** As to their attitude towards one another, the deaf have forged a chain of brotherhood which binds each to all and all to each. There is sympathy between each and every unit in the fraternity, and it is astonishing how unerringly they can detect a fellow sufferer. That listening look in the eyes becomes as intelligible to them as a secret Masonic grip of the hand.—*British Deaf Times*.

The editor of this Department desires to thank the various school papers which have continued to come to his desk as "exchanges," notwithstanding the discontinuation of *The Frat*, during the past school year. They have been appreciated as enabling him to keep in touch with the doings of many of our members which otherwise would have been missed and given him the opportunity to "clip" many an interesting item.

As will be seen in our Division News most of the Divisions are to have picnics on Independence Day. Whether the Divisions intend to at the same time celebrate their own independence is a question, but there are no lodges anywhere that are more independent in their local affairs than are ours. They have full control over their own funds and entertainments and are practically free to take part in all matters of local interest.

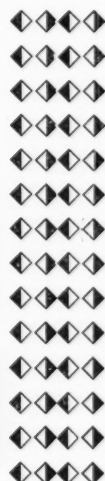
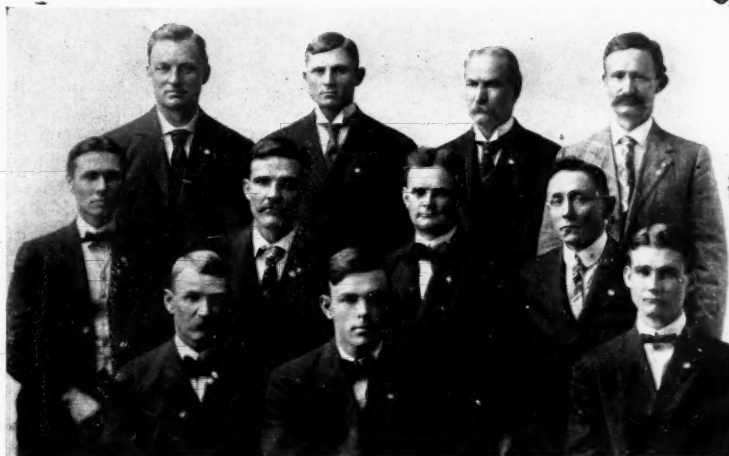
The Cincinnati Convention declared itself against the admission of women to our Society, but, like Banquo's ghost, the idea will not down, and we are being made aware that there is a movement afoot to bring up the question at Louisville in 1909. Columbus' Auxiliary could take this up among the other matters it has pushed through if it so desires and see what the sentiment is. The writer has to be neutral, of course, but would, like many other members, be glad to see the question discussed, and decided for good in one way or the other, and there is no time like the present.

Division Notes and Personals

Messrs. Gibson and Wallack, of Chicago, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes, at Michigan City, May 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Bailey, of Steger, Ill., are entertaining a boy who arrived May 14.

Frank Spears, of Chicago, has moved his family



OLATHE DIVISION, N. F. S. D., OLATHE, KAN.

First Row, from left to right.—C. L. Fooshee, C. N. Ramsey, J. F. Carroll, J. A. Kex

Second Row.—G. W. Anderson, Joseph Boston, E. H. McIlvaine, S. H. Lantz

Third Row.—F. A. Sprague, J. A. Benoit, P. W. Haner

The Division has a total membership of 23 of which only 11 are in this group the others being non-residents.

to Racine, Wis., where he holds a good position with the Mitchell Motor Co.

Chicago Division's arrangements for its annual boat excursion (to Michigan City) July 25 and its picnic, August 15, are about completed and the committees promise an extra good time to those who attend.

Toledo Division is arranging a fine program for its anniversary celebration, June 20, and extends a cordial invitation to all.

Detroit Division gives its seventh annual picnic on July 4th.

Charles F. W. Lawrason, of Bay City, Mich., will be married to Miss Hattie Snyder on June 15.

Mr. McIlvaine added to his real estate holdings by the purchase of the lot on the north of his place. He now has a frontage of 150 feet, large enough for a garden and run for his poultry.... Foreman Key and Fooshee have been putting in their spare time evenings playing the vocation of the wall-paper hanger.—*Kansas Star*.

Clifford Ellerhorst is working here as a upholsterer. He has been doing well and likes his little job.... Ike Goldberg has decided to quit playing ball on account of getting old and having an injured ankle. He does not want to take any more risks.—*Cin. Cor. Deaf American*.

Mr. W. C. Fugate, who graduated here several years ago, paid the school a brief visit Friday. He is now employed by the *Courier-Journal* Company and is doing well. He gives a good report of the Deaf of Louisville, nearly all of whom have steady and remunerative employment.... Harry Stapleton has secured a good position as an edgetrimmer in a shoe factory. He boards with Mr. and Mrs. Kilgour, in Covington, Ky.... Mr. Lloyd E. Scott, of Louisville, has accepted a position with the *Smiths Grove Times*.—*Kentucky Standard*.

Dust from an emery wheel at which he was at work in the factory of the Buick Motor Works resulted in the poisoning of the left hand of Robert H. McLachlan. The member has been lanced a number of times. It will, however, be quite a while before Mr. McLachlan can resume work. He is drawing a benefit of \$5 a week from the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf.—*Michigan Mirror*.

Horace Buell, of Chicago, has recovered from his recent operation for appendicitis and is back at his desk at Siegel-Cooper's.

Columbus Division, No. 18, N. F. S. D. will give a picnic on July 4th for the benefit of their division. Refreshments of all kinds will be for sale. There will be games with prizes and amusements for both old and young. All friends are invited to spend July 4th in Columbus, and not only have a good time but help the Frats. The committee are the jolly Fred Schwartz, chairman; Chas. M. Rice, the division secretary, and Thomas McGinness, the division treasurer.—*Ohio Chronicle*.

Ben Berg, of Michigan City, is now residing at

Noblesville, Ind.; Monroe Allman at Monticello; Charles Merchant at LaPorte, and Albert Mercer at his old home in Illinois, during the temporary shut down of the shops where they are employed.



ADOLPH BRIZIUS,

Indiana State Organizer and Secretary of Evansville Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Drinkwine, of Racine, had a big gathering of outside deaf-mutes last Easter. Some of those present were Mrs. Knoblock, Mrs. John Kurry and Oscar Angelroth, of Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. C. Larsen and children, Mike Dowling

and Frank Spears, of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Brown, of this city.—*Deaf American*.

The Columbus Division, N. F. S. D., met at the beautiful residence of T. F. Goldsmith Saturday evening, May 2. The wives of the members were along, too, and after the business meeting they all enjoyed a fine luncheon provided by the hostess of the house.... Mr. and Mrs. Neuner will entertain the Frats in June, and at the same time the infant society, the Ladies' Auxiliary Society will meet at the same place.—*Ohio Chronicle*.

Cincinnati Division, N. F. S. D., has decided to give a picnic at Terrace Park on the Fourth of July. It is learned that five prizes will be awarded; they are much better than ever before. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.—*Deaf American*.

Olathe Division is planning a party to be held in Kansas City in June.

Louisville Division gave a "spider web" party on May 30. It is working hard to increase its convention fund.

Percy Ligon, of Nashville, is now employed in Atlanta, Ga.

Oliver Burke, of Nashville, was a recent visitor at Louisville.

Evansville Division gave an "ice cream" social May 31, and on July 4 has its annual picnic.

James Downey, of Evansville, is making a success at photography.

Messrs. John Werner and Isaac Shetzer are in the country, the guests of Mr. Simon Lary, of Austerlitz, Ky. Both should come back improved in strength and health.—*Kentucky Standard*.

Louisville Division will give a picnic at Shawnee Park on July 4th. Arrangements are being made to have it the best picnic ever held in this city. Every deaf person and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

While on a business trip recently, F. P. Gibson, of Chicago, was a guest at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Garwood, near LaPorte, Ind. Mr. Garwood has a fine 80-acre farm and is a sturdy specimen of rural Americanism—as well as being one of the strongest of our Hoosier frats.

There will be a social at Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boston's in Kansas City Saturday evening, June 6th. It will be given by the local N. F. S. D., and a good time is promised.... P. Washington Haner, of the graduating class of '08, has already secured a good place in one of the Kansas City printing offices and will commence work June 1st.—*Kansas Star*.

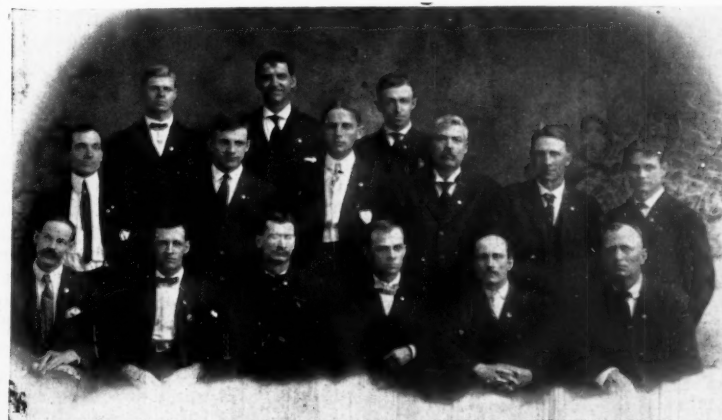
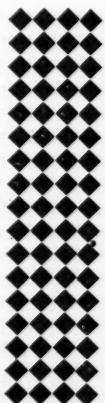
Financial Secretary's Report.

From May 1 to 31, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

Chicago Division.....\$ 81.95
Detroit Division..... 33.55

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TOLEDO DIVISION, No. 16, N. F. S. D., TOLEDO, OHIO.

First Row, standing from left to right.—Henny Proshek, Edward H. Biggam, Frank Smith (visitor)
Second Row.—Joseph Hartz, Shirley Newcomer, Albert F. Knack, William Bartow, Arthur Whitacre, Mathias Steinwand

Third Row.—William J. Nichols, Treasurer; Gustav J. Kaintz, Vice-President; Archie V. Smith, President; John E. Curry, Secretary; Dennis Hannan, Director; George B. McGowan, Serg't-at-Arms

Saginaw Division.....	7.15
Louisville Division.....	30.80
Little Rock Division.....	21.40
Nashua Division.....	6.60
Dayton Division.....	10.45
Bay City Division.....	6.05
Cincinnati Division.....	32.15
Evansville Division.....	31.60
Nashville Division.....	5.50
Springfield Division.....	4.40
Olathe Division.....	13.15
Flint Division.....	5.50
Toledo Division.....	7.70
Milwaukee Division.....	15.95
Columbus Division.....	4.95
Michigan Division.....	1.65

Total Receipts.....\$320.50

DISBURSEMENTS.

Forwarded to Treasurer Barrow.....\$320.50

Treasurer's Report

From May 1 to 31, 1908.

BALANCES.

From last Statement.....\$3,738.30

RECEIPTS.

Financial Secretary A. M. Martin..... 320.50

Total Balances and Receipts.....\$4,058.80

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sick and Accident Benefits.....\$175.00

Salaries—

J. J. Kleinhans..... 12.50

R. L'H. Long..... 12.50

A. M. Martin..... 12.50

W. Barrow..... 12.50

F. P. Gibson..... 15.50

Organizer's Expenses—

J. J. Kleinhans..... 2.00

T. McGinness..... 4.00

A. Brizius..... 4.00

S. H. Lantz..... 4.00

Gas..... 1.19

Office Rent..... 13.00

Office Expenses..... 2.00

Secretary's Expenses..... 3.40

Frat Department Expenses..... 1.00

The Silent Worker..... 27.75

Board of Trustees' Expenses..... 5.00

Treasurer's Expenses..... 1.00

Total Disbursements.....\$308.84

RECAPITULATION.

Total Balances and Receipts.....\$4,058.80

Total Disbursements..... 308.84

Total Balances, May 31, 1908.....\$3,749.96

Claims Committee's Report

For the month of May, 1908.

Rufus Parker, Pulaski, Tenn.....\$ 40.00

Lagrippe and Bronchitis.

Samuel Wardman, Lowell, Mass..... 5.00

Sprained wrist.

Alfred Cole, Bay City, Mich..... 20.00

Injured knee.

Terry Page, Glasgow, Ky..... 10.00

Lagrippe.

Andrew J. Pond, West Allis, Wis..... 10.00

Palm punctured by a nail.

C. L. Gottwerth, Detroit, Mich..... 10.00

Sprained leg.

Horace Buell, Chicago, Ill..... 15.00

Appendicitis.

William Sheehan, Chicago, Ill..... 5.00

Rheumatism.

S. Thomas Booth, Garnett, Kan..... 30.00

Sprained arm.

Daniel Murphy, Bay City, Mich..... 30.00

Crushed finger.

Total for the month.....\$ 175.00



ISAAC C. SHIMP,

Vice-President of Dayton Division, No. 8,
N. F. S. D., Dayton, O.

The N. F. S. D.

Dear Friends:—Please hearken to my song,
I'll try and not make it too long;
So, if you'll kindly list to me
I'll sing of the "N. F. S. D."

'Tis like the gentle, cooing dove,
For, founded on fraternal love
For kindred beings it doth take
Utter strangers, and brothers make.
And if a brother should fall sick,
Send to the headquarters real quick,
And they will in manner meek
Forward to him five ones per week
Until recovered, or weeks ten
Have passed o'er the brother's head, when
Payment ceases. Perchance should death
Have claimed the brother's fleeting breath,
Five hundred dollars swiftly speeds
To meet the brother's loved one's needs.
Suppose you are not in this band,
Suppose death strikes you with his hand,
What will they—yes, what will they do,
Those loved ones that depend on you?

Now reader, you can see the point,
(Unless your cranium's out of joint)
So get on a move and join the band
Ere death shall strike you with his hand.

D. H. TIPTON

May 17, 1908.

The Quitters

There are always quitters, a large number of them, to pester, annoy and disturb the regular order of business in every organization. What a different thing life protection would be and how different the status of the business generally if there were no quitters! The quitter is not always a dissatisfied person, but often he quits without any particular ill-feeling towards the organization from which he withdraws his allegiance and support. He quits because it is his nature to quit. He never holds on to anything. His whole life is made up of beginnings and quittings. He is always sowing seed, but never reaps a harvest. There is no harvest time for the quitter. He is always breaking ground for new foundations, but never erects a structure, therefore, never has a permanent abiding place. He buys a lot on the installment plan, makes a few payments down and throws up his contract. He could not buy any other way, because the quitter is not a saver and his current income is all the resources he has. He is a man who invariably despises the day of small things and has not patience to wait for anything to grow. The quitter is a numerous tribe. We find marked evidence of this in all life protective organizations, the quitting members outnumber the persistent ones by more than two to one. There is no more foolish proceeding imaginable. Save your society, yourself and your beneficiaries.—*Exchange*.

Subscribe for THE SILENT WORKER.

National Association of the Deaf

As you may be aware there is a committee of fifteen commissioned to take up the "federation plan" submitted at the Norfolk Convention and to formulate a scheme that would make the National Association truly national and representative.

This committee consists of

George Wm. Veditz, Chairman *ex-officio*, Founder and former president of the Maryland Association, Founder and president of the Colorado State Association.

John W. Michaels,

Founder and former president of the Arkansas Association.

J. Schuyler Long,

President of the Iowa State Association.

William C. Ritter,

Founder and president of the Virginia Association.

Thomas Francis Fox,

Former president of the N. A. D., and of the Minnesota Association.

Nathaniel Field Morrow,

Former president of the Indiana Association.

Brewster Randall Allabough,

President of the Gallaudet Alumni Association and former president of the Pennsylvania Association.

E. Clayton Wyand,

Former president of the Maryland Association.

Charles Chester Codman,

Vice-president of the N. A. D., and founder and president of the Pas-a-Pas Club, Chicago.

Robert Patterson McGregor,

Former president of the N. A. D., and of the Ohio Association.

James M. Stewart,

President of the Michigan State Association.

Peter F. Hughes,

Former president of the Missouri Association.

Oscar H. Regensburg,

President of the Illinois Association.

Philip L. Axling,

Former president of the South Dakota Association.

As will be seen every section of the United States is represented on this committee. Every member has at some time or other held the highest office in the gift of his own state association, and being intimately familiar with its constitution, may be depended upon not to countenance measures that would jeopardize the interests of his constituents.

In appointing this committee these qualifications were largely considered, the aim being to make it as strong and representative as possible, therefore one in which the American deaf could place entire confidence.

I am sending to each member of this committee a circular letter of which the following is a copy, and which is self-explanatory.

MY DEAR COLLEAGUE:—I am sending you with this a copy of the plan of federation as submitted at the Norfolk Convention, and with which our Committee has to deal.

This plan, drafted by myself, was never intended for anything but a makeshift, or a man of straw for the Convention to pull to pieces, or a skeleton or frame-work upon which to build a plan that would be acceptable. Moreover, while entertaining no expectation—with but three half-day sessions allotted to the business part of the convention, including reports of officers and committees, resolutions, elections and the consideration of amendments—that the federation report could be otherwise than tabled for future consideration, the hope was cherished that the publication of the "plan" would arouse general interest in the subject and provoke discussion and criticism, wise or otherwise.

This last object seems to have been attained, and interest in the matter was never more widespread than now.

You will observe that the Norfolk "Plan" closely
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With Our Exchanges

CONDUCTED BY R. B. LLOYD.

We do not attend meetings of the National Association of Charities. The work of this Association has nothing in common with our work and we would be out of place in such a meeting—as representing a School for the Deaf.—*Florida School Herald*.

Another visitor the past week was Horace Marvil, of Laurel, Del. Mr. Marvil became deaf at fifteen years, and has never attended any school for the deaf. He is an indifferent lip-reader, knows nothing of the sign-language but is very well educated. He was at All Soul's Church last Sunday, and felt very lonesome. He has promised to learn our "wonderful language of signs."—*Mt. Airy World*.

Howard, the only son of Principal and Mrs. McDermid, of the Winnipeg School passed his final examination in medicine with honors, and has had conferred on him the degree of M.D. Dr. McDermid has joined the staff of the Winnipeg General Hospital where he will likely spend a year or so, and then go abroad for a special course before taking up the practice of his profession. Congratulations.—*The Silent Echo*.

As much as we would like to take a trip to the Ogden Convention the expenses of the journey are rather more than we can afford just now, and we shall have to spend the summer in the usual quiet way where there will not be such heavy demands upon the pocket-book. It seems to us that if these conventions could be held at some central point the attendance would be much larger. It is not absolutely necessary that they should meet at State Schools, and special rates for the entertainment of so large a body could always be obtained at city hotels.—*Goodson Gazette*.

Those who speak of the industrial training for pupils being more or less a failure because many do not follow up in life the trade they learned at school, are making the mistake of their lives. The main object of their training at school is to teach them how to do various things rather than to teach any special line, and it is one of the greatest blessings of their whole life. Whether they succeed or not at any particular trade to which they may have given a little extra time, they really owe their general industrial training to their school, for the simple reason that all thorough general training makes the acquirement of any speciality a comparatively easy matter.—*Industrial Journal*.

George Brasher, a deaf man of Rock Island, Ill., was met by a man who handed him a card which stated that he was deaf and dumb and was compelled to sell collar buttons for a living. Brasher read the card then started to talk in the natural way. The man thought he could get the best of him by making some dummy signs and opening and closing his fingers. Then Brasher knew that the man was an imposter and held him by the coat collar till some body telephoned the police station for the patrol wagon. The next day he was held on the charge of working a confidence game and bail was fixed at \$500.00.—*Deaf American*.

The latest development in the Civil Service fight is an address by the President and Board of Directors of Gallaudet College, which was printed in the last issue of the *Deaf American*. Among the names of Directors affixed to the address are those of Hon. John W. Foster, Judge David J. Brewer, and Ex-Senator F. M. Cockrell. Such names ought to carry weight and lead the Commission to realize that a cause with such backing is not one to be lightly turned down. Moreover, the Deaf have arrayed on their side a Cabinet officer in the person of James R. Garfield, whose father was such a staunch friend of Gallaudet College and a warm personal friend of Dr. Gallaudet. Although the deaf have received a check in their fight by reason of the Commission's recent reiteration of its ruling, yet with such backing and a persistence in the fight, success is bound to come sooner or later, as the justice of the cause is so palpable to the unprejudiced mind.—*Minn. Companion*.

"Out of Town" was the title of the comedy given by the Sketch Club of the School for the Deaf last evening in the institution chapel. An audience which taxed the capacity of the chapel was in attendance and a large number of friends of the institution were present in addition to the members of the school, for whose entertainment the play was given.

The play is a delightful comedy in three acts and it was immediately entered into the delight by those present. It was characterized throughout by little passages of bright conversation which was happily brought out by the actors. The stage setting was especially attractive and some very fine scenery was in use. The furniture in the setting was all made in the institution shops and needless to say its presence last evening was no little factor in the success of the play. The costumes too were appropriate and those worn by the ladies were very attractive.—*Ill. Advance*.

Dr. Friedman, of Denver, President of the State Board of Charities and Correction, in a paper read before the Conference, referred to the enormous increase in the number of children committed to orphanages in Colorado the last four or five years and expressed the opinion that there was little excuse for the existence of a large majority of these institutions at all. He argued that many of the children could be better provided for elsewhere, either by helping the mother to keep the child or children at home or by placing them with relatives or friends. Personal Service in Charity was the topic of his paper and he argued that a personal interest in the individual child would in most instances lead to finding a home where it might enjoy the love and care that are seldom to be had where a large number of children are herded together, no matter how efficient the management.

The trend of all the papers and the discussions was the laying aside of sickly sentimentality and the application of horse sense and business judgment in dealing with all problems relating to the criminal and the criminally destitute.—*Colorado Index*.

With the close of the present term of school Mr. Thomas Sheridan will leave us to accept a position in the North Dakota School for the Deaf, as head teacher and editor of the *Banner*. All his associates here and the deaf of Minnesota will miss him more than mere words can express. He is a gentleman who has always made good wherever placed. As a pupil here he took the highest rank, both in character and scholarship. His record at Gallaudet was equally creditable. Upon his graduation from College he was appointed teacher in this school, which position he has held for fourteen years. Both in the school-room and outside his work has been of the highest order. His influence among the pupils has always been for the best. His courteous manners and his overflowing sense of humor have made him a most welcome addition to all social gatherings. If he had any enemies, we never heard of them. We deeply regret to lose such a man from our school, though we would not stand in the way of his material advancement. His place will be hard to fill. Men of his character and qualification do not grow on every bush. North Dakota is to be congratulated. Our loss is her gain.—*Minnesota Companion*.

Some of our exchanges are again expressing the opinion that hearing persons think in words and that the deaf, when imperfectly educated, think in signs. We dissent. At any rate we take the ground that our real thinking, (by which we mean our most earnest and expeditious style of thought,) is carried on independent of anything that we can label as language. The vehicle of thought may be called language, but what we mean and say is that it is not the same language we employ in communicating our thoughts to others. It is certainly not dependent on words alone or possibly at all. The conclusive proof of this, in our opinion, is the fact that we often find so much difficulty in explaining to another just how we have arrived at a conclusion. If we had employed language to reach the conclusion, why can we not employ it again to describe our steps to another? Repetition ought to make it even easier to follow than it was to make the initial trip; yet we don't find it so, and the apparent reason is that we did not follow the language trail in the first instance.

Well, then, if we don't use words or signs how do we think.

That is another question. It is not our intention to explain how we think, but only that we don't think in the way our esteemed contemporaries think we think, and we think we have done so.—*Cal. News*.

Dr. A. H. Clancy is, though deaf, one of the most successful dentists in Ohio, having an office in Cincinnati. He is not the only deaf dentist we know of, as Ernest B. Ringnell, a graduate of the Minnesota school and a former student of Gallaudet College, is also a "tooth carpenter."

Ambrose Castonia, a pupil in the Wisconsin school, worked for a telegraph company during part of last summer's vacation. His business was to measure the cables, inspect fuses, and put in new ones when necessary. He says it is a good paying job for the deaf, but that one drawback is that a person must work outside, rain or shine.

Mr. Speeley, a graduate of the Nebraska school and an ex-student at Gallaudet College, is coming to the front as a painting contractor, having recently satisfactorily completed several large and important jobs. He now has a contract for the inside decoration of a large cathedral. To a good knowledge of his trade he adds that of a good education,—a combination sure to win.

Miss Elizabeth Dumke, Wisconsin School, has for many years been in the employ of merchant tailors in Neenah, Wis. She thinks this kind of work is fine for the deaf, as her wages range from \$16 to \$18 per week. At present she is working for Dau & Madson who make her a sort of assistant in instructing new hands. She is a member of Journeymen's Tailor's Union No. 209 of that city.—*Industrial Journal*.

It is noted that a pupil's reading club has been organized in Pennsylvania Institution at Mount Airy. There is a nominal entrance fee which goes towards providing the members with reading matter of their own choosing. This is a step in the right direction. It will certainly help the young people to appreciate a good thing to make them pay for it. Now-a-days there is danger of pauperizing our pupils from giving them free so many valuable privileges. For the reason they cost no money or effort on the part of the recipients there is a constant tendency to disparage these advantages. Anything that can help build up the contrary and better spirit and help toward such appreciation, should be encouraged.

There is a literary society of pupils in an Eastern Institution that, working on the same plan, has accumulated in the course of years a fund over three hundred dollars. The interest of which, with the part of the annual dues, was applied to paying for literature. It has been the idea that when this fund was of ample size, it should be expended on some kind of scientific or amusement apparatus that would be of constant educational value to the pupils. The dimensions of the fund reached shows what may be done in this line with sustained effort.

This is not saying anything against our pupils having all educational privileges free as the air: the point is that thought ought to be exerted as to ways in which they may be brought to realize the priceless advantages they enjoy.—*Arkansas Optic*.

Mr. Thomas J. Williams, who is affectionately remembered by many of the former pupils of this School, died at his home at Mint Spring, near Staunton, May 6th, of heart disease, after several months of declining health.

Mr. Williams was born in Matthews County, Virginia, in 1831, and was therefore in his 77th year. He was deaf from birth, and at an early age was sent as a pupil to this School. After having completed the prescribed course of study, he went to "Fanwood," the State School for the Deaf in New York City, where he spent several sessions. Very soon after the close of the Civil War, Mr. Williams was elected teacher of the primary class of deaf in this School, which position he continued to fill to the entire satisfaction of the Superintendent and the Board until 1904, when growing infirmities warned him to quit the confinement and exacting duties of the school-room. He then retired to his country home where he could spend his remaining years relieved of all professional and busi-

ness cares. For a time his health improved but the opening of the present year marked the beginning of a gradual decline.

Mr. Williams was a man of the highest character—scrupulously upright in all his dealing; faithful to every duty, and a heart full of love for his God and for his fellowmen. The sorrowing ones whom he leaves behind may feel assured that his passing from earth, is only promotion to higher citizenship in that "better country." In 1873 Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss L. M. Griggs who was also a graduate of this School and who survives with six children: Mrs. W. R. Knowles and J. Chas. Williams, of Staunton; T. J. Williams and Mrs. C. T. Levi, of Mint Spring; and Mrs. George H. Levi, of Berryville, Va.—*Goodson Gazette*.

The Jackson (Miss.) *Daily News* brings the unwelcome intelligence that the Mississippi School for the Deaf will be obliged to curtail its force of teachers and employees for the next term, to reduce its attendance and postpone the date of opening until November. This backward step is rendered necessary by the failure of the legislature to make sufficient appropriations for the running of the school.

There were 160 in attendance and sixty more were on the application list. These figures were laid before the legislative committee, but the necessary appropriation was not made; not even that for the needs of those already in attendance, to say nothing of the new applicants.

Hence, there was no alternative but to curtail, which was done, as follows: Literary teachers reduced from eleven to nine; no instruction in art, domestic science, dressmaking or dairying; no girls' matron small boys' attendant, dining-room attendant, nor boys' supervisor to be employed and no salaries to be paid during the month of October.

The number of pupils is to be limited to 120 until the condition of the funds will justify an increase. This is a sad surprise.

The Mississippi school building, about the finest in the country yet built for the deaf, was dedicated with great ceremony a short time ago, and the liberality of that state was held up as an example to other states supposed to be farther advanced in education. For over a quarter of a century the superintendent, Mr. Dobyns, has labored to secure for the deaf of Mississippi the advantages guaranteed to them by the constitution of the state, and had apparently met with success. To have this success turned into failure is indeed, a sad blow. But we hope some person or persons may yet be found who will advance the necessary funds for the running expenses of the school and take their chances of re-imbursement from a subsequent legislature. Surely this would be a fine field for a philanthropist.—*Kansas Star*.

On Tuesday evening, May 12, was experienced a severe rain storm followed by one of the worst floods that ever visited this section. The centre of the storm was a cyclone several miles south of here which came up from Missouri passed over into Nebraska, crossed the river into Iowa three miles south of Lake Manawa and re-entered Nebraska, passing south of Omaha. Several of the teachers in the south wing building could clearly see the cyclone cloud as it passed along.

With us the damage was done exclusively by water. The heavy rain which fell upon the bluffs to the eastward quickly found its way down the valleys and Pony Creek was soon out of its banks and the water was soon running straight across the lower part of the institution grounds, thru the barn yard, carrying everything movable before it.

The old log house, a corn crib, the cattle shed, a hay rack, and loose material in the barn yard were all swept by the force of the current out to the west and south fields. Fences went down and debris scattered all over the grounds between here and the creek. On the main highway the fences on both sides of the road were washed out. The posts were carried across the road into the field beyond, the wire broken for almost the entire distance between the gate and the bridge over Mosquito creek.

Water quickly filled the basement of the industrial schools, carrying mud and debris into it and when the water was all pumped out later two or three feet of good Pottawatomie county soil taken from the hills had settled on the floor. The boiler which furnished heat and the engine that formerly ran the presses of the *Hawkeye* were covered with water and badly damaged. All the lumber under the carpenter shop was also damaged.

Everywhere grading was washed away, deep cuts made in the roads and hill sides all around the school buildings. Lumber, debris and floatwood of every description is scattered over the pasture and field to the west. The pasture south of the school in which the cows were kept is for the most part covered with several feet of mud washed down from the hills and school garden and cannot be used. Very little of the grass remains uncovered and it will be a long time before the pasture will be in condition for use again.

As the water came raging down the valley and across the grounds it made a sight at once fearful and fascinating. The institution people gathered on the porches in the east wing and watched it play havoc with the property along its path. While a crowd of boys was looking out over the hog lot Riley Anthony saw some one in the water up to his waist, holding on to a post and apparently waving his arm for help. Dwight Holmes and Guy Rogers went to his assistance. It proved to be one of our neighbors, Charles Page whose house is east of the school near the bend of the creek and directly in the path of the current when the water came out of the creek's banks. Charles had been ill with the mumps and was asleep when the storm came up. When he awoke the water was in the house a foot and half deep. He quickly found his way to the door but in going across the yard fell into an old well which had been uncovered by the flood. The current was too strong for him and carried him across the school yard until he was able to grasp a post and motion for help. The boys quickly rescued him and he was brought to the institution where he was cared for and the next day taken to the city where he is at present with friends, ill of pneumonia. The Page house was undermined and fell in, and is completely demolished.

follows article for article, and section for section the St. Paul Constitution and By-Laws, and *vice versa*.

Moreover, the name "National Association of the Deaf" has been studiously retained in the "Plan" for the reason that the Association is incorporated under this name. To secure a change to another name, the laws of the District of Columbia will have to be consulted and complied with.

In the "Plan," also, membership in the Federation is limited to state associations. The effect will be to prevent any one person from having more than one vote, or fraction of a vote, in the affairs of the federated associations as would be the case were he a member of two, three, or more organizations admitted to membership.

The procedure I would suggest to you is as follows:

Cut up the "Plan" article for article, section for section. Paste each on a sheet of paper and write such criticisms as may occur to you. Make additions or erasures, make suggestions and comments. Interpolate any new section or new article that may seem necessary to you.

When through, please mail to me, if convenient, by May 1st.

I then shall mail the whole fifteen individual reports on a circuit beginning with Mr. Regensburg on the Pacific Coast and ending with Mr. Ritter on the Atlantic Coast.

Each member of the committee is, of course, at liberty to comment on the suggestions of his colleagues. Those points on which all or a majority may agree, having been eliminated, there must be a second and, not likely, a third and fourth re-submission of the points in dispute.

This procedure outlined is cumbersome, but seems the best under the circumstances. The ideal method would be for the committee to meet face to face daily for a week, or even longer, and consider and thresh out each point submitted, but the expense would be prohibitive.

Our task will take time in the accomplishment. It will take the time and patient study and best effort of each individual member of the Committee, but in the end we should evolve a scheme that we can submit with confidence of its adoption at the Colorado Springs Convention in 1910.

Meanwhile, anticipating the approval of the executive committee, I shall extend an invitation to the various state associations to send delegates or representatives to Colorado Springs in 1910, with full powers to act, whether to approve or condemn, in behalf of their respective.

Finally we should not forget that we have here an opportunity of performing for the American deaf, a service that will be of lasting and far-reaching importance, and with this thought to stimulate us, let us all put the best that is within us in our work.

It may not be out of places to make the following excerpts from the certificate of Incorporation:

1st. Incorporation was effected Feb. 23rd, 1899, under Chapter XV, section 28 *et sequitur* of the compiled statutes of the District of Columbia.

2nd. The title by which this society shall be known in law shall be.

3rd. The term of incorporation is twenty-five years.

4th. The objects of this Society shall be (a) the improvement, development and extension of Schools for the Deaf throughout the world and especially in the United States, (b) the intellectual, professional and industrial improvement and the social enjoyment of the members through (c) correspondence, consultation, the forming of branch societies, and the holding of national conventions at such times and places as may be appointed by the officers and managers in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the Society.

In conclusion, the benefits that may be expected from a wisely planned federation of the deaf are:

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This last is the supreme aim we should hold in mind. The wisest possible plan of federation will not bring about the millenium. Our handicap in the race of life will not be any the less. But a well-conceived federation will serve to unite us better than has been the case in the past.

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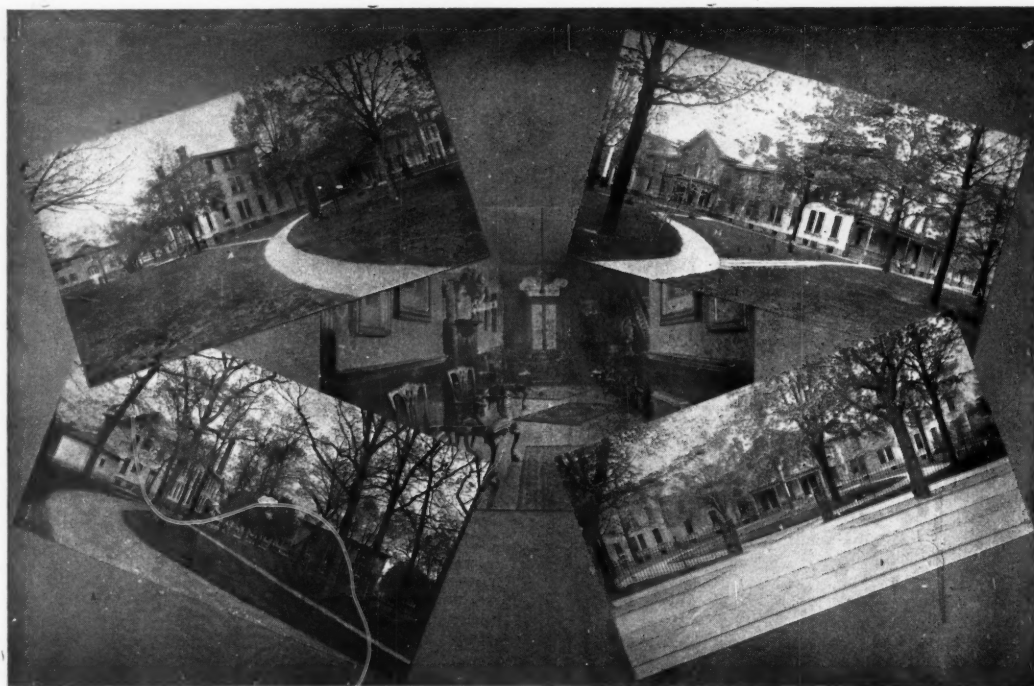
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